

Court of Commissioners Records Book 3



To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Respectfully represents. The Western Rail Road Corporation, that their Rail Road as located in the town of West-Springfield, in said County, passes upon or across the following public ways in said town, in an inconvenient and expensive manner, or so as to incommode the public travel, and for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, your petitioners think proper to alter the same, as herein after specified, to-wit:

1 The road leading from Springfield Bridge to the Agawam Bridge to be altered by turning the same more southerly and off of the Rail Road location, upon land of Daniel Morrick, and land of Justin Gly, both of said West-Springfield.

2. The road leading from the common, past the house of Frederick Jones to Ashleys Mills, to be turned a little more southerly, upon land of Rodney Day, Homer Day, Henry Day, and Robert Day, of said West-Springfield.

3. The road to Westfield, a little west of the house of William Sibley, to be turned a little more southerly upon land of Francis Vanhook of said West-Springfield and to cross the Rail road at right angles therewith.

4 The same road from a point near Pawcatuck brook to be turned more northerly across the meadow, and to cross the Rail Road at land East of Station No 308, of the Rail road, at the grade of the same; and the way leading northerly from said road to be turned westerly, so as to pass the rail road at the same place and westerly of the said Rail road crossing the Westfield road, to be turned more southerly, nearer the river, and south of the Rail road location, placing the same where changed upon land of Seth Smith, and Daniel Smith, both of said West-Springfield. That in the town of Westfield in said County, their Rail Road as located, passes upon or across the following public ways in an inconvenient and expensive manner, or so as to incommode the public travel; and for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, your petitioners think proper to alter the same as herein after specified.

1 The road leading from West-Springfield past Kings Tavern to be turned more southerly off of the rail road location and nearer the river, to a point against the land of Ambrose Day, placing the same upon land of Sylvanus G. Mosley of said Westfield, and the road from Northampton to be continued southerly to unite with the main road as so altered.

2. The road leading from Stephen Harrisons house to the Northampton road, to be turned a little more westerly upon land of Stephen Harrison of said West-

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field, so as to pass the Rail Road at the same grade.

3. The road leading from the Stage road near Fry-hole Bridge northerly past the house of Henry Thompson to be turned a little westerly so as to pass under the same bridge with the Fry Hole or Sacketts road and upon land of said corporation or of Stephen Hamson of said Westfield or both.

4. The road leading Daniel Nobles in Westfield past the house of Oliver Belmont in Westfield, near said Belmonts house, to be turned a little more southerly so as to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith, and upon land of Daniel Sherman and Lowell Sherman both of Westfield, or one of them.

5. The Road leading from Daniel Nobles, in Westfield to Alfred Pratts in Westfield, near the house of Martin Finkbe to be turned more southerly and westerly, and to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith, and to be cut down to the grade of the Rail Road and pass at the same grade, passing upon lands of Martin Finkbe of said Westfield. And the said alterations will not essentially injure said ways. Your petitioners, therefore, pray the Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and direct the manner in which the said several ways shall be altered, and do whatever else in the premises the law requires. Dated at Springfield this 26th day of August A.D. 1839.

The Western R. R. Corporation

By Geo Bliss, ag^t

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. August 26th 1839. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered that the Commissioners meet at Clark & Co's Tavern in West Springfield, and at Kings Tavern in West Springfield on the eleventh day of September next; and at Regent Tavern and the house of Martin Finkbe in Westfield on the 12th of said September at 10 o'clock A.M. and at 10 o'clock P.M. on each of said days, then and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the time of meeting be given to all persons and corporations interested, and especially the Towns of Westfield and West Springfield and the persons named in said petition as land owners, by serving them respectively with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and the Western Rail Road Corporation as principal and George Bliss as surely, appear, and recognize in the sum of Two hundred dollars each to the County of Hampden, conditioned to save the said

County have left from all costs and expenses in account of
said petition
James W. Brooks, Chairman

To the Selectmen of West Springfield in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Springfield Bridge, to the Agawam Bridge, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. turning the same more southerly, and off of the Rail Road location, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Daniel Merritt, of said West Springfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clark's & Co Tavern in West Springfield, on the 11th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject. Per Order,

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield, Sep. 3^d A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left with Lesta Williams, one of the Selectmen of West Springfield, a copy of the above Notice. Sept. 3^d 1839
R. D. Morris

To Daniel Merritt, of West Springfield, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation, have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West Springfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Springfield Bridge, to Agawam Bridge, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more southerly, so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by you, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Clark's & Co Tavern in West Springfield on the 11th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock, A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2^d A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of Daniel Merritt, a copy of the above Notice. Sept. 2^d 1839
R. D. Morris.

The Justice City of West Springfield, in the County of Hampshire
 Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented
 their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting
 forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of West-
 Springfield in said County so that the same is crossed by a
 public way leading from Springfield Bridge to Agarwood Bridge
 and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the
 same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as
 follows, viz by turning the same more southerly so that the
 same, as altered will pass over land owned by John and
 Daniel Morrish, and have requested the Commissioners
 to view the premises, and decide the manner in which
 said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified
 that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at
 Clark's Old Tavern in West Springfield on the 11th day
 of September inst at 10 O'clock A.M., when and where
 you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard
 upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooke, Chairman
 Springfield Sept. 2^d A.D. 1839.

I certify that I accept notice in the foregoing
 case, and waive all errors or irregularities in behalf
 Sept. 2^d 1839

Justice City
 To the Selectmen of West Springfield, in the County of Hampshire
 Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their
 petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting
 forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of
 West Springfield in said County so that the same is crossed by
 a public way leading from the Common past the house of
 Frederick Jones to Ashley's Mill, and that for the purpose of
 facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to
 alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the
 same a little more southerly so that the same as altered
 will pass over lands of Rodney Day, George Day, Henry
 Day, and Robert Day of said West Springfield, and have
 requested the Commissioners to view the premises and decide
 the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are
 hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that
 purpose at Clark's Old Tavern in West Springfield on the
 11th day of September inst at 10 O'clock A.M. when and where
 you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard
 upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooke, Chairman.
 Springfield, Sept. 2, 1839

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house
 of David Williams, one of the Selectmen of West Spring-
 field, a copy of the above notice
 Sept 3, 1839

R. D. Morris

To Rodney Day, Herman Day, Henry Day and Robert Day
of West Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their
petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting
forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of
West Springfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a
public way leading from the Common past the house of Judge
John Jones to Sibley's Mills, and that for the purpose of facilitat-
ing the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the
course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a
little more southerly, so that the same as altered will pass
over lands owned by you or some of you; and have requested
the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner
in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby noti-
fied that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at
Clark's Bar Room in West Springfield on the 11th day of Sep-
tember inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may
be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the Subject.

Per Order

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have this day left as copies
of the foregoing Notice at the Dwelling house of Rodney
Day, also at the Dwelling house of Henry Day; also at the
Dwelling house of Herman Day; and also given Robert Day
a copy. September 3. 1839. R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of West Springfield in the County of
Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County, setting forth that they have located their
Rail Road in the town of West Springfield, in said County,
so that the same is crossed by a public way leading to
Westfield, a little west of the house of William Sibley and
that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same,
they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows,
viz by turning the same a little more southerly upon land
of Samuel Smith, Trustee of said West Springfield, so as to cross
the Rail Road at right angles therewith, and have requested the
Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the
manner in which said way shall be altered. You
are hereby notified that the Commissioners will
meet for that purpose at the house of William Sibley
of West Springfield, on the 11th day of September inst at
1 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present
if you cause; and be heard upon the Subject.

Per Order

James W. Crooks Chairman

Springfield Sep. 2. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of Lester
Williams, one of the Selectmen of West Springfield, a copy of the
above notice. Sep 3^d 1839. R. D. Morris

To Garrison Smith of West Springfield, in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading to Westfield a little west of the house of William Libby, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning the same a little more southerly so that the same as altered, will pass over lands held in trust by you, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at the house of William Libby in West Springfield on the 11th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James M. Brooks, Chairman
Springfield, Sep. 2^d, 1837.

I certify, that I have given to Garrison Smith, a copy of the foregoing Notice.

Sep. 4. 1837. R. J. Morris

To Seth Smith and Daniel Smith both of West Springfield in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from West Springfield to Westfield, near Puncatuck Brook, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz from a point near Puncatuck Brook to turn the same more southerly, across the meadow, and to cross the Rail Road at and East of station No 308. of the said Road at the grade of the same; and the way leading northward from said road, to be turned westerly, so as to pass the Rail Road at the same place; and westerly thereof to turn the said Westfield Road more southerly nearer the river, and south of the Rail Road location placing said Roads when changed upon lands of Seth Smith and Daniel Smith, both of West Springfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings Tavern on the 11th day of September inst. at 2 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see

cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield Sept. 2. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have given the above named Daniel Smith, and Seth Smith, each a copy of the foregoing notice

R. D. Morris.

Sept. 4 1839.

To the Selectmen of West Springfield in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from West Springfield to Westfield near Pawcatuck Brook; and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz, from a point near Pawcatuck Brook to turn the same more northerly, across the meadow and to cross the Rail Road at and east of Station No 308. of the Rail Road, at the grade of the same; and the way leading northerly from said road to be turned westerly, so as to pass the Rail Road at the same place, and westerly thereof to turn the said Westfield road more southerly, nearer the river, and south of the Rail Road location, placing said roads, when changed, upon lands of Seth Smith and Daniel Smith, both of said West Springfield and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September, inst at 2 o'clock, P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield Sept. 2. A.D. 1839.

I certify that I left a copy of the foregoing notice at the dwelling house of Seder Willmar, one of the Select men of West Springfield. Sept. 3. 1839.

R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is located upon a public way leading from West Springfield past Kings Tavern, and that for the purpose of facilitating the passing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz, by turning the same more southerly off the Rail Road location and nearer the river to a point ^{opposite} the land of Ambrose Day and the Road from Northampton to be continued southerly to unite with the Main Road as altered, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of Ephraim H. Stanley of Westfield and have requested the Commissioners to view.

the premises and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 11th day of September inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield, Sep. 3rd A. D. 1839

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of
Harrison one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy
of this notice Sept. 4. 1839. R. L. Morris

To Sylvanus G. Morley of West Springfield in the County
of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of
said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road
in the Town of Westfield in said County so that the
same is crossed by a public way leading from West Spring-
field past Kings Tavern, and that for the purpose of facilitat-
ing the passing the same, they think proper to alter the course
of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more southerly
off the Rail Road location, and make the same to a point
against the land of Ambrose Lyon and the Road from West-
ampton to be continued southerly to unite with the Main Road
as altered, so that the same as altered, will pass over lands
of Sylvanus G. Morley of Westfield, and have requested the Com-
missioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in
which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings
Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September inst. at 3
o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if
you see cause and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield, Sep. 3rd A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house
of Sylvanus G. Morley, of West Springfield, a copy of the
foregoing notice. Sept. 4. 1839. R. L. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County
setting forth that they have located their Road Road in the
Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is
crossed by a public way leading from Seth Harrison's house to
the Northampton road, and that for the purpose of facilitat-
ing the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter
the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same
a little more westerly, so as to pass the Rail Road at
the same grade, so that the same as altered will pass
over lands of Seth Harrison of Westfield; and have requested
the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the
manner in which said way shall be altered. You are
hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that

purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 11th day of Sept. inst. at
3 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause,
and be heard upon the subject.

Per order James W. Brooks, Chairman

Greenfield Sep. 3. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I left at the Dwellinghouse of
Whitman, one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this
Notice. Sep. 4. 1839. R. B. Morris

To the Selectmen of Westfield, in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented
their petition to the County Commissioners of said County,
setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the
Town of Westfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed
by a public way leading from the Stage road near Frog hole
Bridge, northwesterly past the house of Harvey Champion, and that
for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think
proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz by turning
the same a little more westerly, so as to pass under the same
bridge with the Frog hole, or Sackets brook, so that the same
as altered will pass over lands of said Corporation or of Seth
Harrison of said Westfield or both, and have requested the
Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in
which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that
the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Kings Tavern
in Westfield, on the 11th day of September, inst. at 3 o'clock
P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause,
and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Greenfield Sep. 3. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left, at the house of Whitman
one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this notice.
Sep. 4. 1839. R. B. Morris

To Stephen Harrison of Westfield in the County of
Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County, setting forth that they have located their
Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so
that the same is crossed by a public way leading from
Stephen Harrison's house to the Northampton Road, and
that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same,
they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows
by turning the same a little more westerly, so as to pass
the Rail Road at the same grade, so that the same as
altered will pass over lands owned by you, and have re-
quested the Commissioners to view the premises, and
direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.
You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet
for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day
of September, inst. at 3 o'clock P.M. when and where you may
be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the

Subject.

Per Order

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield September 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify, that I have left at the house of Stephen Harrison a copy of the foregoing notice Sep. 4. 1839. R. B. Morris.

To Stephen Harrison of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield, in said County, so that the same is crossed by a Public way leading from the Stage road near Frog hole bridge, northerly past the house of Harvey Chamberlain and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same a little more westerly, so as to pass under the same bridge with the Frog hole or Sackett's brook, so that the same as altered will pass over lands of said Corporation or Stephen Harrison of said Westfield or both, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Kings Tavern in Westfield on the 11th day of September inst. at 3 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the Subject.

Per order,

James W. Crooks, Chairman

Springfield Sept. 2. A. D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the house of Stephen Harrison a copy of the foregoing notice

Sep. 4. 1839.

R. B. Morris

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Daniel Robles in Westfield, past the house of John Coburn in Westfield, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows viz. by turning the same a little more southerly, so as to pass the Rail Road more at right angles therewith, so that the same as altered, will pass over lands of Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman, both of said Westfield, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers Tavern in Westfield, on the 11th day of September inst. at 9 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the Subject.

Springfield Sep. 2. A. D. 1839. James W. Crooks, Chairman

I certify that I have left at the dwelling house of
one of the Selectmen of Westfield, a copy of this notice
R. D. Morris.

Sept. 4. 1839

To Daniel Sherman, and Roswell Sherman, both of Westfield
in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road
Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County setting forth that they have located their
Rail Road in the Town of Westfield, in said County, so that the same
crossed by a public way leading from Daniel Robles in Westfield
Road the House of John Bottom in Westfield, and that for the
purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think
proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning
the same a little more southerly, so as to pass the Rail Road
more at right angles therewith, and so that the same as altered
will pass over lands of Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman
both of said Westfield, and have requested the Commissioners
to view the premises and direct the manner in which said way
shall be altered. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners
will meet for that purpose at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the
12th day of September inst at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you
may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

In order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield September 2. 1839.

I certify, that I have given the above named
Daniel Sherman and Roswell Sherman, each a copy of
the foregoing notice. Sept. 5. 1839. R. D. Morris

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield, in
the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road
Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail
Road in the Town of Westfield, in said County, so that the
same is crossed by a public way leading from Daniel
Robles in Westfield to Alfred Bratts in Westfield, near the
House of Martin Tinker, and that for the purpose of facilitat-
ing the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter
the course of the said way as follows, viz. by turning the
same more southerly and westerly, and to pass the Rail Road
more at right angles therewith, and to be cut down the grade
of the Rail Road, so that the same as altered will pass over lands
of said Martin Tinker of said Westfield, and have requested
the Commissioners to view the premises and direct the manner
in which said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Martin
Tinker's house in Westfield on the 12th day of September, at 10
o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see
cause, and be heard upon the subject.

In order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

I certify that I left at the dwelling house of
Whitman, one of the Selectmen of Westfield a
copy of this notice. Sept. 4. 1839
R. D. Morris

to Martin Tinker of Westfield in the County of Hampden
 Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented
 their petition to the County Commissioners of said County being
 forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of
 Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public
 way leading from Daniel Stollers in Westfield to Stephen Smith
 in Westfield, near the house of Martin Tinker and that for
 the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think
 proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning
 the same more southerly and westerly and to keep the Rail
 Road more at right angles therewith and to be cut down to
 the grade of the said Road so that the same as altered will
 pass over lands owned by you, and have requested the Commis-
 sioners to view the premises, and decide the manner in which
 said way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the
 Commissioners will meet for that purpose at your house in Westfield
 on the 12th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. when and
 where you may be present, if you see cause and be heard upon
 the subject.

For Duly

James W. Brooks Esq. Chairman

Westfield September 2^d A.D. 1839.

I certify that I have left at the Dwelling house of
 Martin Tinker a copy of the foregoing notice.

Leh. 5th 1839.

R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. Sep. 11. 1839. The County Commissioners
 of said County having given reasonable notice to the Town
 of West Springfield, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the
 Western Rail Road Corporation by Samuel Lewis Williams
 one of the Selectmen of said Town with abstracts of said
 petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as con-
 cerns said Town, as appears by said abstracts so filed
 and hereto annexed; and having also given reasonable
 notice to Daniel Merrick, Justice Ely, Rodney Day, Herman
 Day, and Robert Day, and to Samuel Smith, lander of
 said Town, to Seth Smith, and to Seth and Daniel Smith
 all mentioned in said petition by serving each of them
 respectively with an abstract of said petition so far as
 concerns them, containing the substance thereof and stating
 the day, hour, place and purpose of the meeting, met
 the said Williams on behalf of said Town and the said
 persons above named on their own behalf and also the
 petitioners by their agents, R. D. Morris Esq. on this day and
 at the hour and place mentioned in said abstracts, and
 proceeded to view the several roads and proposed alterations
 of roads; and also the lands as described in said petition
 and fully set forth therein, and having viewed the
 same, and fully heard the said Williams on behalf
 of said Town, and the said Morris on behalf of said
 Rail Road Corporation; and also the said Merricks Ely,
 Rodney, Henry, Herman and Robert Day Samuel, Seth &

Daniel Smiths above named, upon the subject matter of petition as concerns them respectively, we have altered, located and established said roads as follows, to wit:

1. Road near Springfield Bridge. Beginning on the southerly side of the road, at the junction of Aqueduct and West Springfield to Springfield Bridge, at a point $5\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of the centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, against the centre of the West Springfield road, and run westerly, parallel to the centre line of the line of the Rail Road 48 rods to the south line of the present road; and we have located the road 3 rods wide on the northerly side of the above described line, and between the said line and the Rail Road, passing upon and over lands of Daniel Merrick and Justin Ely.

2. Road leading to Ashley's Mills. Beginning on the southerly side of the present road 30 feet westerly of Frederick Jones' westerly line, and run southwesterly, crossing the Rail Road nearly at right angles therewith at Station No. 101-45, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and from the southerly line of the Rail Road, passing upon a regular curve, so as to enter the present road at the foot of the hill, passing through the old Distillery building; passing upon lands held by Rodney Day, Herman Day, Henry Day, and Robert Day; and we have laid and established said road 2 rods wide on the northwesterly side of the said line as run.

3. Road near Sibley's. Begun at a point in the centre of the County Road 112 feet easterly of the Rail Road and run westerly on a line, at right angles with the Rail Road crossing the Rail Road by a bridge, and curving gradually to the North after passing the Rail Road, enter the old road on the side hill, south easterly of the Brook. And we have run the line on the centre of the road as located according to a plan annexed - and laid the said road 3 rods wide, passing upon and over lands held by Samuel Smiths in trust.

4. Road at Paucatuok Brook. Beginning on the northerly side of the present travelled road at point 100 feet westerly of the Bridge over the Paucatuok brook, and 97 feet northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road, and run from thence westerly 120 feet to a point 92 feet from the centre line of the Rail Road - then westerly parallel to the centre line of the Rail Road 620 feet to the east line of Daniel Smiths land - then westerly parallel to the centre line Rail Road, to the west side of the road leading by Daniel Smiths; thence southeasterly, passing the centre line of the Rail Road, at the same grade, 100 feet westerly of the west line of the road which passes Daniel Smiths; and then the old road; and then running westerly,

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on the southerly side of the Rail Road to Westfield line, passing
upon lands of Daniel Smith and Seth Smith: the above de-
scribed line is run on the northerly side of the road, and we
have located the road 3 rods wide on the southerly side of
the line as run: from the points of beginning, until it passes
to the southerly side of the rail road and from there until
against Station No 317 of the Rail Road, and from there to
Westfield line covering all the land lying between the Rail
Road and the river. And we have also turned the road
which passes Daniel Smith's into the above described Road at
its point of intersection to cross the rail road at the same
place. The above mentioned roads as altered and es-
tablished, are to be constructed by said Rail Road Cor-
poration, in a good substantial and workmanlike manner
and in all places where they cross the Rail Road at an
easy and convenient grade for the public travel.

And we have estimated and appraised the damages
which the said several owners of land above named
will suffer by reason of their said lands as described in
said petition, being so taken for said roads, as altered, at the
following sums respectively, to wit:

Damages of Daniel Merrick	Ninety seven Dollars
Justin Day	Five Dollars fifty Cents
Rodney Day	
Samuel Day	
Henry Day	
Robert Day	
Samuel Griffith, Trustee of Northam	Thirteen Dollars
Daniel Smith	Twenty one Dollars

Fifty three Dollars in the whole

The said A. B. Morris agent as aforesaid having
represented that the land of Seth Smith, mentioned
in said petition, had been obtained by voluntary
agreement and release since the filing of said petition,
at his request, no further proceedings were had by us
concerning the same. And also, having given rea-
sonable notice to the town of Westfield, and also to
Sylvanus H. Merley and Stephen Harrison, mentioned in
the foregoing petition, by serving the said Merley and
Harrison, and also A. B. Whitman, one of the
selectmen of said town, each, with an abstract of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far
as concerns them respectively, as appears by copies
of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed on this
same 11th day of September A. D. 1836, at said Town
in Westfield at the house mentioned in said abstract,
with the said Merley and Harrison and Daniel Merley
and the said Whitman one of the selectmen of said
town, and also, the said Morris, agent as aforesaid
and proceeded to view the premises, to wit the proposed
alterations of said Roads, and the lands of said Smith,

and Harrison, as taken for said Roads and alterations, and having heard the said Selectmen, Morris Morley and Harrison, fully in the premises, in relation to said proposed alterations and, damages, and all other matters touching the premises, we have established and located the alterations of said Roads following to wit:

1. Road near Kings Tavern. Beginning at the line of the Town of West Springfield, a little easterly of Kings Tavern at a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of the Centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly parallel to the centre line of the Rail Road, 157 rods 10 feet, to a point where it strikes the Northerly side of the old road; and we have located the Road 3 rods wide on the southerly side of said line, partly upon the old road, and partly upon land of Sylvanus L. Morley; and we have turned the Northampton road so as to cross the Rail Road at right angles therewith, and to enter the present road southerly of the rail road.

2. Road near Harrisons. Beginning by the northerly side of the Westfield road at a point 60 feet northwesterly of the north line of the present travelled road, and run easterly on a Curve crossing the Rail Road, and entering the present road 25 feet easterly of the Rail Road. And we have located the said Road 2 rods wide on the southerly side of said line, passing over land of the W. Rail Road Corporation, and land of Stephen Harrison.

3. Road near Pig-hole. Beginning on the southerly side of the Rail Road, nearly opposite Station No 387, of the Rail Road, and run westerly on a gradual curve to a point nearly opposite station No 388, of the Rail Road, and from thence passing under the Rail Road at right angles therewith, by a bridge or Culvert of 15 feet span, and entering the old road on the northerly side of the Rail Road, passing over lands of Stephen Harrison and the Western Rail Road Corporation. And we have appraised the damages which the said Sylvanus L. Morley will suffer by reason of the alteration of road near Kings Tavern, and for his land taken therefor, at the sum of eighty five dollars. And also, the damages which the said Harrison will suffer by reason of the alteration near the old Gad Noble house, at the sum of One Dollar; and for the alteration near the Pig Hole, at one Dollar for his lands, so taken. The said Rail Road Corporation claim no damages.

Hampden Co. September 12th 1859. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Russell Sherman and Daniel Sherman, and Martin Finkbe, and also to the Town of Westfield, mentioned in the foregoing

petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by surveying S. B. Whitman one of the selectmen of said town and also the said Daniel, Roswell and Martin, each with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof so far as concerns them respectively, as appears by the copies of said abstracts on file, and hereto annexed; met the said Masely and the said Whitman, two of the selectmen of said town; and the said Tinker; and also R. T. Morris, agent of said corporation, on the 12th day of September at the hours and places named in said abstracts, and proceeded to view the several proposed alterations of roads named in said petition, and also the lands to be taken therefor so far as concerns the said town, and the said Tinker; and having viewed the premises, and heard the said petition and said Tinker fully therein, we have located and established said alterations, and appraised the damages said Tinker will suffer for his land taken, as follows, to wit.

1st. Alteration of Road near Coburn's. Beginning on the South side of the old County road, at the east end of the garden picket fence of Daniel and Roswell Sherman, and run Easterly on a continuous straight line of said picket fence, to land of Wigham Shepard - then Northeasterly, nearly at right angles, by land of Wigham Shepard, to the North Easterly side of the Rail Road, crossing the Rail Road at the same grade - And we have laid said road as altered 2 rods wide on the North and westerly side of said line, passing upon land conveyed by said Daniel and Roswell Sherman to said Corporation, partly and partly on the old road. No damages were claimed, and none allowed for this alteration.

2. Road near Martin Tinker's. Beginning at the old County Road at a point against station No 587 of the Rail Road, and run north 14° West 40 1/2 rods to the Southerly line of the Rail Road - then across the Rail Road nearly at right angles therewith, to the southerly line of the Rail Road; then north $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 102 feet to a point against station No 590 of the Rail Road; then North $49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 66 rods 11 feet to a point against the South westerly corner of Martin Tinker's dwelling house; then North 36° West 18 rods to the center of the old County road against the west line of said Tinker's land. And we have located said road 3 rods wide, and the above courses and distances are run upon the center line thereof. Said Shermans, having voluntarily agreed with said Corporation, and released their lands, no further proceedings were had in reference to them.

The damages which the said Martin Tinker will suffer by reason of said alteration, so made, and his lands so taken, therefor, we have appraised at the sum of Eighty five Dollars.

All which is submitted.

James M. Brooks & Leal }
Gideon Stiles } Leal } County Commissioners
John Ward } Leal }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court, passed on the Twentieth day of March A.D. 1840. granting a tax of Fifteen Thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire, the same is Apportioned upon the several Towns in said County in manner following viz.

County Tax
for 1840
Apportionment.

Blandford	\$ 667. 15
Brimfield	764. 05
Chester	473. 33
Granville	581. 42
Holland	178. 17
Ludlow	555. 33
Longmeadow	588. 58
Montgomery	186. 35
Monroe	916. 56
Palmer	506. 88
Russell	167. 72
Southwick	525. 52
Springfield	3026. 35
Tolland	264. 62
West Springfield	1498. 28
Westfield	1125. 57
Wales	249. 71
Williamham	726. 78

\$13000. 00

\$13000. 00

And Warrants have issued, dated the twentieth day of March, A.D. 1840. directed to the Selectmen or assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns and requiring their respective collectors or Constables, to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice Esq. County Treasurer, or his Successor or order, by the fifteenth day of September next ensuing, as the law directs.

The following accounts against the County were Accounts preferred to and allowed by the County Commissioners.

at the above meeting. and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury viz

To William H. Foster keeping prisoners &c.	733.50
" Jeremiah Jewett, Sumner &c	30.40
" Chas. J. Lusk 1st. Sumner &c, Lark &c	241.20
" W. Goodell 47th days work at Jail	43.50
" (J. Lusk 1st. Carrying Chain &c	1.00
" Chester M. Gifford 20 days work, Sumner	35.00
" Harkfield & Gifford portableness for prisoners	14.75
" James Chapin for W & S	20.00
" Owen Eaton Work at Jail House	38.00
" E. Edwards Sum for Court House &c	17.50
" S. Charles work at Jail	24.50
" C. Chapin, Surveying County Lands &c	1.50
" Isaac (Dymon) Work on County House & fence	54.00
" (L. Perkins 1st. Lark &c at Jail	17.12 1/2
" John Gannett 1st. Chain Court House	2.00
" L. Sancey work at Jail House &c	26.50
" John Ward for lumber & work on River Bridge	28.00
" J. Ingersoll Sunday Stationary & Lark for County	15.00
" G. Rice Surveying Streets, &c &c	50.00
" A. Parsons, attending Court, keeping House &c	24.00

Champlain Co. Dec. 6th 1834. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day
Attest:

John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 At a meeting, of the County Commissioners of
 the County of Hampden, begun and holden at Springfield within
 and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December
 being the twenty fourth day of said month, in the Year of our
 Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and from day
 to day to the twenty seventh day of said month.

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James W. Brooks Esq. Chairman
 Gideon Sides Esq. } Commissioners.
 John Ward Esq. }

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the
 County of Hampden

Forrestall:
 petition for
 abatement of
 damages in
 Springfield

The undersigned, an Inhabitant of the Town
 of Springfield, in the County aforesaid, respectfully represents
 that in locating the new Road recently laid out by your
 Hon board, from Holland to Springfield, said road tra-
 verses through the easterly part of his homestead, compelling
 him to make much new fence, and cutting off from
 said lot, about three acres, leaving it of but little value
 to him; that in assessing the damages your Hon board have
 assessed to him Fifty five Dollars, which he candidly thinks
 does not bear a just proportion to his real damage, or to what
 is assessed to others. He therefore prays that your Hon.
 Board will review their proceedings in relation to his damage
 believing that by so doing, they will think it right and proper
 to give him an advance of damages, and as in duty bound,
 would pray.

James Forrestall

Springfield May 11th 1838.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County
 Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the
 Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty
 eight, and continued from meeting to meeting to this
 meeting. And now, it is ordered by the County Commis-
 sioners, that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Montgomery of Montgomery
 in said County, represent, that the Highway leading from
 the Meetinghouse in Montgomery to Salmon Phelps in
 Westfield needs alterations in the location for the
 convenience and benefit of the public. They therefore
 ask that the said Commissioners will, as soon as
 may be, proceed to view said highway and make
 such alterations as they may think the public con-
 venience requires.

alteration of
 road in West
 field

Signed

October 1st 1838.

Oren Parks } Selectmen
 Ransom Clark } of
 Nathan Hutchinson } Montgomery

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the 3rd day of June of 1839, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Store of Abner Allen in Westfield on Friday the 9th day of August next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to answer according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience, and necessity, to proceed to locate the road in question, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damage. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, send the Town Clerks of Montgomery and Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman
And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1839. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows, viz.

"Hampden Co. July 8. 1839 I served the Town Clerks of Westfield and Montgomery, each with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition. E. Rice Sheriff
At which said meeting the County Commissioners make their report on hearing, as follows, viz.
Hampden Co. Aug. 4. 1839.

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner

set forth in the foregoing petition and having caused to be published in a newspaper, printed in said County, the foregoing order and notice of said Commissioners, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf, as is set forth in said order, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same according to the prayer of said petition, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who were to be heard on the subject, matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in said road or highway, between the termini therein mentioned, to wit, between the meeting house in said Montgomery and the dwelling house now in tenancy owned by said Solomon Phelps, and so report accordingly all which is submitted.

James W. Crooks } County Commis-
Gideon Stiles }
John Ward }

Which Report being ^{read and} considered is accepted.

At which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, That that Commissioners meet at the House of Sturgis Upson in Westfield on Thursday the 7th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of the said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield and Montgomery each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks Chairman
And this petition was continued to this meeting.
And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order makes his return as follows.

Stamington Sp. Oct. 1. 1834. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery and Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of voters thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual places of abode and of business, and also posted in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Co. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Stamington Sp. Nov. 7. 1834

The County Commissioners of said County having given due and legal notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County as well as by the publication of an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper printed in said County, according to the provision of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in the foregoing order; met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract according to said order, and proceeded to lay out and establish certain alterations in the highway described in said petition and to direct repairs therein as follows to wit.

Beginning at a bar post in the wall by the old road on land of Joseph T. Allen; thence S. $42^{\circ} 20'$ E. 29 rods 16 links to a stake, at the south west corner of said Allen's front Yard fence. Thence S. 15° E. 21 rods to the South corner of said Allen's Cider Mill; then S. 38° E. 3 rods 8 links to the Southeast corner of said Mill. Then S. $58^{\circ} 30'$ E. 5 rods 7 links to a stake and stones; then S. $57^{\circ} 20'$ E. 10 rods to a Stake & stones then S. 23° E. 9 rods 19 links to a heap of stones in the old highway upon a rock; then S. $16^{\circ} 30'$ E. 11 rods 10 links to an apple tree marked, on Peter Squires' land; then S. 6° E. 31 rods to a stake and white Oak bush, at the fence by the old road; then S. 38° E. 20 rods to a Chestnut tree marked; then S. 28° E. 11 rods 19 links to a Butternut tree marked; then S. 35° E. 11 rods 21 links to a stake and stones, by a rock; then S. 41° E. 44 rods to a Hemlock tree marked; then S. $57^{\circ} 30'$ E. 24 rods to a stake and stones on Westfield town line; then S. $48^{\circ} 30'$ E. 20 rods to a stake; then S. 24° E. 19 rods, to a Chestnut Tree, by the old road; then in the old road S. $26^{\circ} 30'$ E. 10 rods to an Oak tree; then S. 10° E. 11 rods 3 links to an ash tree. On this Course it is ordered, that the old road be repaired by filling from the Oak to the Ash tree and raised three feet at the foot of the hill between said trees - then same course, till it strikes the old travelled path again. On this Course the road is to be worked as near the lower line as is practicable, to avoid

the hill near the old cellar place; then following the old road, to a stake and stones on the north side thereof and running thence S. 12° E. 14 rods 8 links. to an apple tree marked; then S. 6° E. 20 rods to a Butternut tree, near the house now or lately owned or occupied by Salmon Phelps; then S. 9° E. 9 rods to the old road, nearly in front of the said Phelps' house. The line above run, is on the north side of the road; from the first point at said Bar post to the Cider Mill, the road is laid 3 rods wide; and from Allens barn to a point 3 rods south of the south west corner of the Cider Mill, the same course is continued far enough east, to make the road four rods wide. And from that point, the road is laid four rods wide, till it intersects the old road near the Town line. It is also ordered that the road be widened from the point where this survey commenced by the Bar post on said Allen's land, so that the line of the road on the north side thereof, shall bear North 57° 20' West, about 12 rods. And it is also ordered, that the road be widened from near the brook East of the Barret place to a few rods east of the old Blacksmiths shop, and the road worked as near the north side, as may be practicable. The hill near Nathan Chapmans is to be reduced and hauled down, so that the general grade shall not exceed four degrees elevation; and near said Chapman's west barn the rock or ledge in the road is to be removed, that the travel path there may be 18 feet wide. The above alterations we have located, and established as a public highway; and have allowed the owners of lands six months to remove wood, timber and other obstructions from the location after locating. we heard all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, who desired to be heard upon the subject of damages, by reason of their lands being taken for said road and allowed and assessed damages as follows, to wit.

To Joseph T. Allen	Thirty Dollars
" Peter Squires	Twenty Dollars
" Nathan Chapman	Twenty Dollars
" Allen Parks	Twenty Dollars
" Enoch A. Root	Fifteen Dollars
" Herman Root	Thirteen Dollars

No other damages were claimed or allowed.

In the construction of said road the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches, and all cases the lower sides of the road on side hills, is to be sufficiently raised, that the water shall run towards the banks, all stumps, roots and large stones are to be removed, before the bed of the road is formed; all hills and knolls are to be properly hauled down and brought as near a uniform grade as may be. All bridges and sluices are to be built of

stone, and made open and free, for the passage of water with sufficient width and depth: the road is to be so worked that the grade shall not exceed five degrees between said Allen's and the Phelps house. And in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a thorough, workmanlike and substantial manner, and to be in compliance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks & Leas }
 Alden Stetson & Leas }
 John Ward & Leas }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted by the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

Tollmage

Marcus M. Tolmago is Licensed as an Inholder and seller of Wine and beer at the stand occupied by Theodore Bartlett, in West Springfield, until the first of April next.

Com to settle with Treasurer

Ordered. That James W. Brooks and Justice Willard Esq. be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Bridges at Three Rivers & Chester

Ordered That James W. Brooks, and John Ward Esq. be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to contract for the rebuilding of the County Bridge at Three Rivers in Palmer, and to superintend the same, unless it shall be found, on examination, that said Bridge can be repaired. Also, to examine the new bridge at Chester Village, and report what allowance shall be made to the Town of Chester, out of the County Treasury for expense of rebuilding the same.

Merriam

John M. Merriam is Licensed as a Taverner in the Town of Wilbraham, to sell Wine and fermented liquors at his new Dwelling House in the North Parish.

Adjourned (See 27th 1839. All matters not acted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

John Angersall, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampshire on the second Tuesday of April being the fourteenth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and from day to day to 18th day of said month.

By

James W. Crocker Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq } Commissioners
John Ward Esq }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their meeting, to be held on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1838.

Petition of
Augustus Collins
for Damages

Augustus Collins of Westfield in said County, represents, that he is proprietor of a tract of land, lying in Russell in said County, on both sides of Westfield Great River, at Salmon Falls, so called, on which there is a valuable water privilege of the value of Five Thousand Dollars, and that the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Company on the fifth day of March A. D. 1837 located a feeder and a feeder Dam for their canal upon said land whereby the said land is overflowed and injured, and the water privilege destroyed, and the water diverted from its natural channel, and said Company reported their said location to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their meeting held on the first Tuesday of March A. D. 1837. And Abraham Stanton Esq, Moses Foster and Isaac Macomber, were appointed Commissioners to estimate all damages sustained by any persons by reason of said location, and a warrant was duly issued to said Commissioners, directing them to make said estimate; and on the twenty seventh day of July last the said Collins duly filed, with the Clerk of County, for the County of Hampshire, his claim for damages, to his said Pond, and water privilege in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars. And the said Commissioners, having viewed the premises, and heard the parties, and made an estimate of said damages, made a report of their proceedings to the said County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire at their meeting in December last; which report was then accepted by said County Commissioners; and agreeably to the Order of said County Commissioners, the said report was published in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in Springfield in

said County of Hampshire, on the Tenth day of January last. And in said Report the damages occasioned to said Collins as aforesaid, were estimated at the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars.

The said Collins, being aggrieved and dissatisfied with said Estimate, says that after due proceedings in the premises, a Jury may be summoned, agreeably to law to determine upon the amount of the damages aforesaid.

By his attorney

Shapron & A. M. M.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting & this meeting. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

A. Post at
Petition for
Jury to C.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire at their meeting held at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1838.

Abner Post, Administrator of the Goods and Estate of Joseph Cobb late of Westfield, in said County deceased. Lema Cobb, widow of said Joseph, for herself and for the minor children of said Joseph, represents that said Joseph in his life time, was seized, and your petitioners are now seized of certain real estate in said Westfield, on Main Street, bounded North on Caroline Bartlett, East on the widow Lema lot, so called, South on Main Street and West on Abner Post, containing seven acres; that the Hampshire and Hampshire Canal Company on the 6th day of March A. D. 1837, located the Hampshire and Hampshire Canal over and across the said land, and overflowed and destroyed a great part of the same, and said company reported their said location to said Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, at their meeting held on the first Tuesday of March, A. D. 1837. And thereafter Hanson, Wood, Moses Porter, and Ithamar Conkey were appointed commissioners to examine and estimate all damages sustained by any person or persons, by reason of said location, and a warrant was duly issued to said commissioners directing them to make such estimate, and on the day of last past, the said Post and the other petitioners duly filed with the clerk of the Court for the County of Hampshire, their claim for damages to their said land in the sum of \$1000 dollars.

And the said Commissioners having viewed the premises and heard the parties, and made an estimate of said damages, made a Report of their proceedings to the said County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, at their meeting on December

Report, which Report was then accepted, by the said County Commissioners, and especially to the order of said County Commissioners, the said report was published in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in Springfield in said County of Hampden, on the tenth day of January last; and in said report the damages occasioned to the estate, late of said Cobb, as aforesaid were estimated at the sum of One hundred and eighty Dollars.

The said petitioners being aggrieved and dissatisfied with said estimate, prays, that after due proceedings in the premises, a Jury may be summoned agreeably to law, to determine upon the amount of the damages aforesaid.

By Wm G. Bates, their attorney

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of I. Goodman
Hampden The petition of the subscribers, respectfully Petition for
represents that the public convenience and necessity require Road W. St.
that the County Road known as Water Street in Springfield, should be extended northerly from Bridge Street to Ferry Street, and that the same should be extended southerly to a convenient point south of Howard Street.

They therefore pray, that after due proceedings had, the Commissioners would lay out and establish the same or such part thereof as the public interests demand.

Signed
April 1839.

Ithamar Goodman & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday June, A. D. 1839 at which meeting it was ordered: that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 16th day of August next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject.

of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publication, a copy of said petition and this order thereon shall be published in the Springfield Gazette, or Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the date of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, carry the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, both days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town or elsewhere, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his return to the Board of Aldermen one of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crooks, Chairman
This petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1834, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order makes his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. July 15. 1834. I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

do. Rice Sheriff.
at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. August 14. 1834.

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and having also published in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, as the law in that behalf provides, and as set forth in said order, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who desired to be heard upon the subject, matter of said petition, we were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that a highway be established from said Bridge Street as far as north as the Western Rail Road; and also, that

a Highway be established from the South end of said Water Street as far South as Williams Street, and that the said Williams Street, leading from Main Street to Connecticut River be established as a public highway.

And said Commissioners do advise and report on the premises. James M. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of the Town of Springfield where said roads are situated as prayed for in said petition, did not act in this case, and John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles, County Commis-

John Wood

John Gould Special Commis-

which report being read and considered is accepted and the same adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

This petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1839, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the 13th day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested, when the subject of damages, also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of the said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Gideon Stiles one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Brooks Chairman

And this business was continued to this Term. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows: viz

Worcester 5. March 5. 1840. I served the Town Clerk

of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition referred to in order of notice shown, by giving the same to him and also making up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

And now at this meeting the boardly commissioners make their report in writing, as follows.

Resolved April 13 1850. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as well as by the frequent return of the Sheriff of said County as well as by having caused to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, according to the provision of law for that behalf which said notice by the Sheriff and publication aforesaid were made and given according to the requirements in the foregoing order of said Commissioners, met at the time and place in said order mentioned as published in said abstract and proceeded to lay out and establish two roads or highways as follows. To-wit: First, one of the special commissioners or joint commissioners attending and acting by said petition in the town of said County one of the County Commissioners an inhabitant of Springfield where said road is situated.

First in extending Water Street Northward towards the Rail Road Depot. We began at the North west corner of Bridge and Water Streets and run N 43° W 52 rods 22 links to a point 4 links east of the S. E. corner of the freight house; and we have laid said road forty eight feet wide, measuring from the West side of the road as now established; the west side of the road being the line run as above described commencing at the South east corner of William Hunt's house lot, as the fence now stands. Then beginning at the North east corner post in Otis S. Bakers front fence on Howard Street and run S 41½° E 16 rods 12 links to a stake; then S 41° E 29 rods 8 links to Williams Street so called, and we have laid said road, being part of said Water Street, three rods wide, and the line run is the West³⁴ side thereof.

Second - Williams Street, so called is laid and established, as a public Highway or Road, three rods wide, beginning at the South east corner of Wellman's Shoe store on Main Street and running S 49½° W to Connecticut river: the line run being the northerly side of said street. Said Williams Street having been heretofore opened as and for a public highway no damages were claimed by the owners of lands

there taken, but said owners relinquished all claims for damages, in a hearing in reference to that subject.

After locating and establishing the route of said highway above described, called Water Street, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages for their lands so taken: and have allowed and assessed to Charles Stearns, Four Hundred and Twenty five dollars.

No other person or corporation was injured by said location, and no damages were claimed, or allowed except as above mentioned. Samuel Hills waives all claims to damages, as by his memorandum in writing and hereto annexed. Until the first of July is allowed the owners of lands to remove fences, and all obstructions from said roads. Said roads are to be worked in a proper and substantial manner. The travel path to be at least 22 feet wide, exclusive of suitable ditches, and to be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next.

All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles Deal } County Commissioner
John Ward Deal }
John Gould Deal } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the above ways are established as and for public Highways.

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden, at the April Term 1839.

J. Brewer
Petitioner and
Damages.

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield in the County aforesaid, respectfully represent, That in locating a Road recently laid out by the Board of Commissioners leading from Chestnut Street to Morgan Street, on the petition of Chester W. Chabins and others, said road runs across the lands of your petitioners from the County Farm (so called) to land of George Stebbins and containing Thirteen rods of land, being 13 rods in length, that in assessing the damages, the Board of Commissioners assessed to them eleven Dollars, which your petitioners believe is not a just proportion of their real damage. Your petitioners therefore pray, that the Board of Commissioners would review their proceedings in relation to the assessment of damages and reassess the said damages, and in duty bound will pray.

James Brewer

David L. Brewer, by

James Brewer

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

and continued from term to term to this Term. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

Verdict of Jury on pet. of P. Cook

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. On the petition of Parley Cook against the Western Rail Road Corporation, the Jurors on their oath do say, after viewing the premises, and hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel, that the said Cook have sustained by said Corporation for damages, occasioned by the location and construction of said Rail Road, the sum of Nine hundred eighty four Dollars and fifty eight cents.
Jan. 15th 1840.

Hampden Co. Court of Common Pleas. Feb Term 1840.
I certify that the above Verdict, of which the above is a true copy, was returned to this Court at this Term, and was adjudicated upon, by the Court, and the Verdict was set aside for good cause.

A true Copy of the original Verdict, and the adjudication of the Court of Common Pleas, thereon.
Attest, John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Verdict of Jury on pet. of W. Lindsay

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. On the petition of William Lindsay against the Western Rail Road Corporation, the Jurors on their oath do say, after viewing the premises, and hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel, that the said Lindsay have sustained by said Corporation, as damages occasioned ^{to said Lindsay} by the location and construction of said ~~Rail~~ Road, the sum of ^{one} ~~one~~ thousand Dollars.

Hampden Co. Court of Common Pleas Feb Term 1840.
I certify that the above Verdict, of which the above is a true copy, was returned to the Court of Common Pleas, at this Term and adjudicated upon by the Court, and the Verdict was set aside for good cause.

A true Copy of the original Verdict and the adjudication of the Court of Common Pleas thereon.
Attest, John Ingersoll, Clerk.

W. W. R. R. Co. Pet. for Change Route on West. Noble Mills.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.
The Petition of the The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that their Rail Road, as located in the town of Westfield passes upon and across the lands or public Highways leading from Noble Mills (so called) in Westfield to Chaswell and the Road leading by the Dwelling house of Asaiah Baswell in an inconvenient manner and dangerous to the public travel; and the course of said Road may be altered without injury thereto, as follows viz.

Beginning at the Eastern end of the Road as altered by
said alterations and lately made and wrought and run-
ning thence South easterly in the present travelled path to a
road to the point of junction of the two roads, and then
bearing easterly, near the northerly line of the Canal about
one hundred and fifty feet; and crossing the Canal of
the New Haven and Northampton Company by a Bridge, and
passing South easterly, near the North easterly line of land
of John Hutchinson, and to intersect the County road lately
located by the County Commissioners on land of Wm B.
Noble, passing upon lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia
Merrick, Asaiah Basworth, the New Haven and Northamp-
ton Company, land of your petitioners, and of Wm B.
Noble or some of them. And for the purpose of facilitat-
ing the crossing of the same, your petitioners think proper
to alter the same accordingly in the whole or in part.
Your petitioners therefore pray the Commissioners, after due
notice, to view the premises, and direct the manner in
which said Road shall be made, and have such other
proceedings in the premises, as the law requires.

Dated at Springfield, this Twentyfourth day of
March A. D. 1840.

The Western R. R. Corporation

By Geo. Phelps Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampton Id. March 24. 1840.

The foregoing petition being this day presented to the
Subscribed Chairman of the County Commissioners for
said County, it is Ordered That the said Commission-
ers meet at the house of John Rogers, called Rogers
Tavern in Westfield, on Friday the third day of April
next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to
act on said petition. And it is also ordered that
reasonable notice be given to the Selectmen of the
Town of Westfield and to all persons and Corporations
interested in said petition, and whose lands shall be
taken in the alterations of said roads as prayed for
therein, by serving them respectively with an abstrait of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, and
this Order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting.
And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as prin-
cipal and R. W. Morris as Surety, appear and ac-
cognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two
Hundred Dollars each, conditioned to save the said
County harmless from all costs and expenses on ac-
count of said petition. James W. Brooks, Chairman

To Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Asaiah
Basworth and William B. Noble all of Westfield
in the County of Hampden, and the New Haven

and Southampton company.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their said road in the Town of Westfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way, leading from Appleton (so called) in Westfield to Chapin, and the same leading by the dwelling house of Asaiah Bosworth is an inconvenient nuisance and dangerous to the public here and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the course of said way as follows, viz. by turning the same more easterly from near the point of Junction of said roads and passing near the westerly line of the canal, and keeping the canal, and passing near the westerly line of land of said Corporation, and so intersect with the said County Road, lately located on land of William B. Noble so that the same as altered, will pass over lands of Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Asaiah Bosworth, William B. Noble, the New Haven and Southampton Company, and the Western Rail Road Corporation or some of them, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said way shall be altered.

You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Rogers' Tavern in Westfield on the third day of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order James W. Brooks, Chairman
Springfield March 26. A. D. 1840.

Springfield March 26. 1840.

I certify that I have notified the within named Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick, Asaiah Bosworth, and William B. Noble, by giving to Margaret Topliff and William B. Noble each, an attested copy of this Order of notice, and by leaving at the dwelling house of Asaiah Bosworth a true and attested copy of this order, and by leaving at the dwelling house of Sophia Merrick a copy of the order.

R. C. Morris.

I also certify that I have notified the New Haven and Southampton Company, by sending to Henry Tamm Esq. an Engineer of said Company, by mail, a true and attested copy of this order, and also by sending to Samuel L. Hinckley Esq. of Southampton a director in said Company, by the hands of Charles Stearns Esq. a true copy of this order.

R. C. Morris.

March 26. 1840.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield, in the County
of Hampden: Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation
have presented their petition to the County Commissioners
of said County, setting forth that they have located their
Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County so that
the same is crossed by a public way leading from Noble's
Mills (so called) in Westfield to Chapwick, and the road
leading by the dwelling house of Roadiah Bosworth, in
an inconvenient manner and dangerous to the public
travel, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing
of the same they think proper to alter the course of said
way as follows viz. by turning the same more easterly
from near the point of the junction of said roads and
passing near the Northerly line of the Canal, and
crossing the Canal and passing near the Northerly line
of land of said Corporation, and to intersect with
the new County road lately located on land of William
Noble, so that the same, as altered, will pass over lands
of Sophia Merrick, Margaret Topliff, Roadiah Bosworth,
The New Haven and Northampton Company, The Western
Rail Road Corporation and William B. Noble, or some
of them, and have requested the Commissioners to rein
the premises, and direct the manner in which said
way shall be altered. You are hereby notified that
the Commissioners will meet, for that purpose, at Roger's
 Tavern, in Westfield, on the third day of April next at
10 O'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present,
if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order, James W. Brooks Chairman
Springfield, March 24th A. D. 1840.

I certify that I have notified the Selectmen of
of Westfield within named, by giving to David
Moulty one of the said Selectmen, a true copy of
this order.

March 24. 1840.

W. J. Morris

Hampden Co. April 3rd 1840. The County Com-
missioners of said County, having given reasonable
notice to Margaret Topliff, Sophia Merrick,
Roadiah Bosworth and William B. Noble named
in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road
Corporation, and having also given the like notice
to David Moulty, one of the Selectmen of Westfield
by serving each of the above named persons with
an Abstract of said petition containing the substance
thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, and
the said Town of Westfield, the notice to said
Town having been served on David Moulty one of
the Selectmen as aforesaid, copies of which several
notices are on file, and herewith annexed, met
the said several persons above named, opened

of lands, for and on their behalf, and the Town of Westbury
by David Stanley and Russell Sherman, and also the said
corporation by H. D. Morris their attorney on this third day
of April 1846, at the time and place mentioned in said
abated notice, to wit, at Rogers Tavern in said Westbury.
And said Commissioners proceeded forthwith, to view the
premises set forth and described in said petition, and
having viewed the same, and heard all parties interested
upon the subject, of damages, as well as in reference
to the proposed alterations of said roads, we appeared
and estimated the damages of Noadiah Bosworth at
the sum of Forty Dollars, to be paid him by said
Corporation for the injury sustained by him in the said
alterations, for his lands taken for the same.

William B. Noble and the Western Rail Road Cor-
poration, claim no damages, but relinquish the same
for their lands so taken. And it appearing that Margaret
Topliff and Sophia Merrick have no interest in lands
over which said alterations are made, no damages
are allowed them.

The alteration of said roads is as follows, to wit,
said Road is laid and established two rods wide, and
according to the minutes, plan and survey hereinafter
mentioned and described, and is laid upon and over
lands of said Noble, Bosworth and said Corporation.
And, if it should hereafter be adjudged as he deems and
necessary to increase the width of said road, the same
is to be done and ordered by the County Commissioners
unless the same shall be voluntarily widened by the
owner or owners of the lands adjoining.

Alterations, &c.

Began at an angle in the present travelled road
against the Barn of Sophia Merrick and Margaret
Topliff and run South, $76\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East, 173 feet, to a point
against the House of said Sophia Merrick and
Margaret Topliff; then South $60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East, 96 feet to the
West side of the road, leading to the Farms; then
South, 83° East, across said road, 50 feet; then South,
 $87\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East, 95 feet, to a point on the northwesterly side
of the canal; then South, $41\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East, 65 feet to a stake
standing on the low path of the canal 5 feet south
westerly of the fence, between Lyman Smith and
the Western Rail Road Corporation; then South 46° East,
220 feet to a stake, standing by the new County
road, five feet south westerly of Lyman Smith's land.
And the same is located 33 feet wide on the South-
erly side of said line as run, and is partly on
the old road as travelled; partly over Land of
Noadiah Bosworth; partly over land occupied by the
New Haven and Northampton Canal Company, partly

over land of the Western Rail Corporation and partly, over land of William B. Noble, and we have assessed to Noadish Bosworth, Fifty Dollars in full of damages, to be paid by the Western Rail Road Corporation. And all other persons and corporations relinquished all claims for damages; therefore we have assessed none to any other persons or corporations.

And we have discontinued all that part of the old county road, leading to Pochassuck, lying westerly of the west end of the Barn Standing on land of the Western Rail Road Corporation and that part of the road leading across the land from the point where it turned to cross the canal on the South-
erly side of the Rail Road, to where it intersects with the present located road, as prayed for in said petition.

All which is submitted

James W. Crocker & Son
John Ward & Son
Gideon Stiles & Son

Which report being read and considered, is accepted and the alterations established.

To the Hon. the board of county commissioners of the County of Hampden

W. B. R. Co.
Petition to

The petition of The Western Rail Road Corporation affers (Dana) respectfully represent that they have laid out and located Westfield to their line road upon and across a part of land situated Thomas Noble in Westfield in the County of Hampden, claimed to be owned by Thomas Noble of said Westfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road, is bounded easterly on land of the devisees of William Mosely deceased, over a riverly partly on land of Isaac Hardin, and partly on the old County road; and is described as follows: Beginning by land of the devisees or heirs of William Mosely, deceased, and run westerly by land of Consider B. Mallory, and land of Ira Clemons, 240 to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods Northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track against station No 437 of the Rail Road; then Westerly, parallel to said centre line and $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods distant therefrom 362 feet to land of Isaac Hardin; then southerly by land of said Hardin 77 feet; then Westerly by land of said Hardin 82 feet to the County road; then southerly by the County road 18 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of said centre line at right angles; then easterly parallel to said centre line 666 feet to land of the devisees or heirs of William Mosely; then Northerly by lands of said devisees or heirs, 85 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre, twenty rods of land. Reserving, however, to said Noble, the right to have the buildings now standing on the edge of the premises, remain where it now stands, so long as he may wish.

Also, they have laid and located their Rail Road upon and across one other tract of land, claimed to be owned by said Horace Noble, which said land is situated in said Westfield; and that part thereof to taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly by the old County road; southerly by the Pochapack road; and westerly by the new county road, as lately located, on land of William B. Noble, and is described as follows, viz, Beginning by the old County road, at a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, and run westerly, parallel to said centre line and $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods distant therefrom 155 feet, to the new County road on land of William B. Noble; then southerly by land of said William B. Noble, or the new county road, about 88 feet to the Pochapack road; then easterly by the Pochapack road about 132 feet to the old County road; then easterly by the old County road about 75 feet to the place of beginning, containing Forty one half rods of lands. That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain said land by voluntary agreement, with the said Horace Noble. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Noble, thereby according to law.

The Western Rail Road Corp.

By W. C. Morris their Atty.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. March 23rd 1840.

The foregoing petition being this day presented to the Subscriber Chairman of the County Commissioners of said County, it is ordered, that the said Commissioners it is ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the house of John Rogers, called Rogers Tavern in Westfield on Friday the third day of April next at one o'clock P.M. there and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said Horace Noble, and to all other persons and corporations interested therein, by serving them respectively with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And the said Western Rail Road Corporation as principal, and R. A. Morris as trustee appear and acquiesce to the County of Hampden in the sum of Two hundred Dollars each, conditioned to pay the said County Treasurer from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Chairman

To Horace Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said

County upon and around lands, claimed to be owned by you at
said meeting which lands are particularly described in said
petition on file; and further represented that they have
not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement
and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises
and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sus-
tained by you thereby. You are hereby notified
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose
at Rogers Tavern in Westfield on the third day of
April next at 10 o'clock, P.M. when and
where you may be present, if you see cause, and
be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

March 23. 1840.

I certify that I have this day given to Horace Noble
within named, a true copy of this order.

March 26. 1840.

R. D. Morris.

Hampden Sp. April 3. 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County, having
given reasonable notice to Horace Noble, named
in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road
Corporation by serving him with an abridgement of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, a copy
whereof is on file and herewith annexed, stating
the time, place and purpose of the meeting, and
the said Horace Noble on his behalf, and R. D.
Morris, on behalf of said Corporation, at Rogers
Tavern, in Westfield on this third day of April, 1840,
agreeable to said notice. And said Commissioners
proceeded to view the premises set forth and described
in said petition; and having viewed the same, and
heard the said Noble and Morris fully upon the
subject matter of the said petition, and particularly
as to the injury and damage said Noble would
sustain by reason of the location of said Rail
Road upon and over his said lands, have estimated
and appraised the said injury and damage for
his lands so taken, at the sum of Nine Hundred
and Thirty five Dollars, to be paid to him by said
Noble, by the said Corporation. The building stand-
ing near the old Bridge is allowed to remain
there as is ordered in said petition.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks, Seal

Sideon Stiles, Seal

John Ward, Seal

County Comm.

Which Report, being read and considered is
accepted.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of
Hampden Co. the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation
a corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and
Raswell King located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of
in Westfield land situated in Westfield in said County of Hampden
which said land is claimed to be owned by Raswell
King of said Westfield, and that part thereof so
taken for said Rail Road, is bounded northerly on
land of Sylvanus B. Morley, and westerly on land
of Ambrose Day, and southerly on the County Road
as now altered and located, and is described as follows, viz
Beginning by land of Sylvanus B. Morley, at a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods
Northerly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for
a double track, and run westerly parallel to said centre line
and $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods distant therefrom, 110 rods to land of Ambrose
Day; then southerly by land of said Day, five rods to
a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of said centre line, and to
the County road, as now located; then easterly, par-
allel to said centre line and by the northerly side of
the County road, One hundred and ten rods to land
of Sylvanus B. Morley; then northerly by said Morley
to the place of beginning. Containing, exclusive of
the Old County road, and the Northampton Road
crossing the same, One acre, One Hundred fourteen
rods, of land, reserving the right to said King, to
have his House, standing westerly of the Northampton
road, remain in the place where it now stands.
So long as the same shall be tenable.

That your Petitioners have not been able to
obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the
owner thereof. They therefore pray, the County Commis-
sioners, after due notice, to view the premises and
estimate the amount of damages, if any sus-
tained, by the said King, thereby according the law.

Witness at Springfield, this Tenth day of February,
A. D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corporation
By R. B. Morris their atty

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co. February 10th A. D. 1840.

The foregoing petition, being this day presented
to the subscriber, Chairman of the County Commis-
sioners for said County, it is ordered that the
County Commissioners will meet at Raswell
King's Tavern in Westfield in said County on the
twenty fourth day of February current, at 12
O'clock Noon then and there to act on said
petition; and it is ordered that reasonable notice
previous to the time of meeting, be given to the
said Raswell King, by serving him with an

abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof.
And the Western Rail Road Corporation, as principal, and
Richard D. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize in the
sum of Two Hundred Dollars each to the county of Hampden
condemned to save the said county harmless from all costs
and expenses, on account of said petition.

James W. Brooks Chairman to him
To Roswell King of Westfield in the County of Hampden
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented
their petition to the County Commissioners of said
County, setting forth that they have located their rail road
in the Town of Westfield, in said County, upon and
over lands, claimed to be owned by York in said West-
field, which lands are particularly described in said
petition on file. And further representing that they
have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary
agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view
the premises, and estimate the amount of damages,
if any, sustained by you thereby. Now we hereby
notified that the Commissioners will meet for that
purpose, at Town House, in Westfield on the 24th day
of Feb^y inst. at 12 O'clock M. when and where you
may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon
the subject.

Res Obedt, James W. Brooks, Chairman
Springfield Feb. 10 A. D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day served notice
upon the above named Roswell King by giving him
an attested copy of the above notification.

Feb 15. 1840

R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. Feb^y 24. 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County
having given reasonable notice to Roswell King
named in the foregoing petition of the Western
Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an
abstract of said petition containing the substance
thereof, and stating the time, place and purpose
of the meeting, and the said King, and R. D.
Morris Esq. who appeared on behalf of the said
Corporation, at the house of the said Roswell King
in Westfield on this Twentyfourth day of Feb^y inst.
agreeably to said notice, a copy of which said
abstract is on file and herewith annexed. And said
Commissioners proceeded to view the premises set
forth and described in said petition; and having
viewed the same, and heard the said King
by himself, and by his counsel, Patrick Boile Esq.
and also having heard the said Corporation by the
said Morris, fully upon the subject matter of
said petition, and particularly as to the damages

^{King} said, should sustain, by reason of the location of said Rail Road upon and over his said lands, and the injury to his buildings thereby, have estimated and appraised the damages said King should sustain by reason of his lands being so taken, at the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars, to be paid him by said Corporation.

The small house, North west of the Town, is to remain as long as the same is tenable. The end in front of said house not to come within ten feet of the same, from the top of the slope, which said ten feet of land is not to be broken or removed, so long as said house remains there, and is tenable.

Two convenient crossings are to be made for said King, where he will be best accommodated. For the foregoing sum of Fifteen Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars, said Corporation agreed and determined to be paid to the said Russell King, by the said Western Rail Road Corporation as damages for injury by him sustained in taking his lands, and all expenses and charges in removing his buildings.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks, Secy,
John Ward Secy } County Comm.
Gideon Hiles Secy

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Ely & Day,
Ferry

Petatiak Ely and Simon Day, are licensed to keep a Horse, Boat, Ferry, called Jones Ferry near Frederick Chapin's in Springfield, they having given bond as the law provides as by papers on file.

County Treasurer,
Clay

Ordered By the County Commissioners, that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars for the current expenses of the County, and to give a note or notes therefor, and to renew the same from time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be procured from the Taxes to be collected the present Year.

Master of House
& Convention

Asah Clark is appointed Master of the House of Correction, in the place of William H. Foster.

Carriage

John J. Conklin, is licensed as a retailer of Distilled liquors in the town of West Springfield.

Bond

Cornelius Dene, is licensed as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors in the Town of Sabona.

At May

John M. Gray is licensed as Town Keeper in the South Parish of Wilbraham, at his Town House.

Orna Kimberly is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at her house at the Waterworks Kimberly

Zachariah Penney is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at his house in Main Street Penney

George O. Richards is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at the Columbian Hotel on the Hill Richards

Fordyce Bonney is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at the Franklin Hotel on the Hill Bonney

Robert G. Peck & James M. Perry are licensed as Innholders in the Town of Springfield at the Boston House Peck et al

Ernest Adams is licensed as an innholder on his House at Chicopee Falls in Springfield Adams

Walter Sargent is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at his house in Main Street Sargent

Sutton Chapin is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at her house in Waterville Chapin

Clifford Pennington is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Springfield at his house in Millman's Mill Pennington

James Harrison is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at his House Harrison

John Goodrich is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at his House on Main Street Goodrich

Eliza A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield at the Pine Apple House on the Plain Fuller

Abisha Gunn is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on the Hill Gunn

Jonathan Bangs is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on the Hill Bangs

Lease & Jones are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at Waterville in G. Chase buildings South of the W. C. Church Lease et al

Bryant & Blip are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at the Store kept by Eliza Edwards Bryant & Blip

W. S. Rogers & Co are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store in State Street near the River Rogers

- Webster. Sheldon Webster is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store in Main Street.
- Deane. Henry & James Deane are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store on Main Street.
- Gooden & Gooden. Gooden & Gooden are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store in Springfield.
- Upham & Ingraham. Upham & Ingraham are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield at their Store on the Hill.
- Storking. Elisha B. Storking is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Springfield at his Store on the Hill.
- Burt. Francis Burt is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Longmeadow at his Store near the meeting house.
- Gallon. O'Diamond Gallon is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Longmeadow near the meeting house.
- Stewart. Isaac Stewart is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Chester at the place kept by him last Year.
- Purmortier. Jonas Purmortier is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Chester at the same place kept by him last Year.
- Tinker. Charles Tinker is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Russell at his Store in Russell.
- Wheeler. Galen Wheeler is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield at the Store he now occupies in Fording Hill.
- Graft. Chester Graft is licensed as an innholder in the Town of West Springfield at the Stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish.
- Winchell. Gardis Winchell is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield at the Stand he now occupies in Ireland Parish.
- King. Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield at his place of residence.
- Loomis. Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield at the house he now occupies.
- Arnold. Elijah Arnold is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield at the Store he now occupies.
- Ely. William Ely is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield at his Store.

Ezra Hubbard is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield, at the shop he now occupies in Elm Street in Kingsbuilding
Isaac St. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, in the house he now occupies

Levi Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at the house he now occupies

Minajah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, at the house he now occupies

Oriskany Adams is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at the house he now occupies

William White is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Longmeadow, at his store near the meeting house.

Martin Coules is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield in the store he now occupies.

Amos Allen is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of West Springfield at the stand he now occupies

John Dewey is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of West Springfield, at the store he now occupies.

George Beebe is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at the house he now occupies.

Ashley Haydon is licensed as an Innholder, in the Town of Ludlow, at a place called Pulls Bridge

Harrington Collins is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester, at Fallops & Roads.

Abner Allen Jr. is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Palmer, at the house he now occupies

John Rogers is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Westfield, on the North Side Great River

John A. Rogers is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Westfield, at the store ^{formerly} occupied by John Rogers

Francis Clemens & Stephen Sharpless are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Westfield, near the Bank.

Abel Cullkins is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Palmer, at the Three Rivers

Chas. Turner is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Palmer at Thimble's Village

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Weld

William Weld, is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of
Hastings, at the Store owned by Samuel Glavin.

Anderson

John Anderson is licensed as a Retailer in the Town
of Hastings, at the Store owned by Edwidge & Fuller.

Kimney

William Kimney is licensed as an innholder in the
Town of Holland, near the meeting House.

Browning

Joseph B. Browning, Jun. is licensed as an Innholder
in the Town of Springfield in the Centre of the Town.

Johnson

Gyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder in
the Town of Southwick, in the house lately occupied
by W. G. & Co.

Henry

Albert G. Henry is licensed as an Innholder in
the Town of Chester at the same place he occupied
last year.

Thursdell

Pearly Thursdell Jr. and Sanford J. Thomson are
licensed as Retailers in the Town of Russell at
their Store formerly occupied by John Gould.

Thurley

Russell Thurley is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of Russell at his new Tavern Stand.

Glacke

Warren Glacke is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of West Springfield at the house he now occupies.

Whetstone

Gyman Whetstone is licensed as a Retailer in the
Town of West Springfield at the Store he now occupies.

Palmer

Mercur M. Palmer is licensed as an Innholder
in the Town of West Springfield, at the Stand he now occupies.

Sease

Abiel H. Sease is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of Granville in the House he now occupies.

Ines

John Ines is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of Longmeadow.

Baldwin

John Baldwin is licensed as an innholder in the
Town of Wilbraham, at the old Glover Stand.

Sindley

William Sindley is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of Mansfield in the house near the meeting house
in Chester Village.

Gibbs

Lucius Gibbs is licensed as a retailer in the Town
of Chester, at the Store lately occupied by Gibbs & Ingersoll.

Cornelius Miller is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Miller
Maine, in the house where he now resides

Henry A. Harvey is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Harvey
Maine, near the Depot in the Town of Palmer.

Elijah Seymour is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Seymour
Maine, in the house he now occupies

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Phelps
Maine, at the house he now occupies.

Timothy M. Cooley Jr. is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Cooley
Maine, at the Store he now occupies

Samuel S. Oday is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Oday
Maine, in the house called the Blend
and coffee house.

Amos Norcross is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Norcross
Maine, near the centre of the Town.

Jessie Fuller is licensed as an innholder in the Town of Fuller
Maine, at the place where Ely Fuller formerly
lived.

John Loomis is licensed as a retailer of spiritous liquors in the Town of Loomis
Maine, at the house formerly
called the Appleton house.

William Tappan and Otho Lane Jr. are licensed as retailers of spiritous liquors in the Town of Tappan
Maine, in their Store.

Elijah Seymour is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Seymour
Maine, at the Store he now occupies.

William S. Tingley is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Tingley
Maine, at Chicopee Falls at the Store
he now occupies.

The following accounts against the County were presented to and allowed by the County Commissioners at the above meeting and Ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Wm. Willard Weld	work up in case of bid of bid of bid	1440
Reuben Woodcock	do	96
David Storey	do	140
Elisha Winney	do	82
Abner Melber	do	82
David Weld	do	146
Benjamin O. Weld	do	146

To Amos Webb	do	1.12
" Small Station	do	.52
" Archibald Allen	do	1.20
" David A. Dean	do	1.40
" Samuel Chandler	do	1.00
" J. Q. Browning	do	.50
" Magnus Currier	do	1.20
" Julius Bent	do	.56
" Elijah Farber	do	.50
" Magnus Commons witness in case of E. Farber to		.58
" Levi Bliss	do	.58
" Ben Ginnel	do	.58
" Jas. Q. Browning	do	.58
" John Ward, agent for 3 River bridge & dam		76.79
" Sidney Miles Committee of my bid at Chas. &		9.80
" James M. Brooks agent & dam	do	24.47
" William Rice 1/2 share of St. R. M. Veneered		18.58
" Allen James Currier		3.00
" Rufus Bush work at County House		6.50
" Amasa Parsons work at County House		51.18
" Thomas Lamborn labor & materials		24.54
" James & Gaylord	2 points	3.40
" David Mander	" at Great River bridge	7.11
" Shieffs Bill		62.43
" John Dixon as witness to		2.50
" Stearns & Pauson labor		.51
" Estate of E. Smith selling glass		.50
" George W. Landon All bills to		6.25
" James Wells labor		14.12
" James Swan	Order of June	5.10
" John Ingersoll Bill		15.74
" Sears & Crosby work to June		40.89
" Mr. H. Foster	made in House of Committee	55.66

Completed 22 April 28th 1840 All matters not voted upon are ordered to be continued, and the meeting adjourned without day

Attest.

John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Commencement of the year 1838.

A meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and held at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of June, being the twenty third day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and from day to day to the first day of July.

By James M. Brooks, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. County Commissioner.
John Ward Esq.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent, the subscribers, that the Road leading from the "Robinson road," so called, in Springfield, to the Field Brook in Ludlow is very crooked and much out of repair. They would therefore pray Your board to view said road, and to make such alterations in the same by widening and shortening, as in the judgment of your board shall seem best for the public convenience. They would further pray Your board to view a route and lay a new road leading from said "Field Brook" in Ludlow to intersect the road leading from Timothy Nash's to Ludlow City, so called.

Simon Pease
petition for
Road in
Springfield

(Signed) Simon Pease, & others.
Springfield Oct. 1. 1838

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden in Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1838, and continued from term to term to the Term holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1839, at which Term it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at Chapin's Babel House in Springfield on Thursday the 13 day of August next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the same as prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place, of meeting all persons and corporations interested when the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be for term days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Clerk of said County or his

deputy serve the Town books of Springfield and Linslow with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Sideon Stiles, one of said commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Brooks, Chairman
And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1834, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows, viz:
Hampden Co. July 15 1834 I served the Town books of Springfield and Linslow each with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to each, and I also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.
At which last said meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. August 15 1834. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice in all towns and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in answer set forth in the foregoing petition of the Sheriff and by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County a copy of said petition together with the foregoing notice of notice according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and at that time and place in due order of the mentioned and proposed to amend the road described in said petition according to the prayer thereof and after receiving the same and being by the persons and corporations interested, who there took heed in the premises, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that certain pieces of new road and certain alterations of existing roads, together with certain improvements and repairs, should be established and made in the road described in said petition, to wit, between the termini therein mentioned, and said Commissioners do adjudge, and so report on the premises.

James M. Brooks one of the County Commissioners did not act in this case, being an inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is situate, and John Gould, one of the Special Commissioners was summoned appeared and acted in his stead.

All which is submitted

Sideon Stiles }

Sam. Ward }

John Gould }

County Commissioners

That report being read and considered is accepted and the
alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity,
and the petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April 1840.
At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners
meet at the house of Lemuel Seymour in Litchfield on
Wednesday the 3rd day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the
forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according
to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all
persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.
Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations in-
terested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said
petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose
of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield
Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of
said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff
of said County or his Deputy, deliver the Town Clerks of
Springfield and Litchfield, with an attested copy of said
petition and the order thereon, twenty days at least, and
post up in two public places in said Towns respectively, an
abstract containing the substance of said petition, for ten
days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff
or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to
Gideon Stiles Esq one of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting.

James H. Crocker, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order,
made his return as follows, viz:

Springfield, April 16, 1840. I delivered the Town Clerks
of Springfield and Litchfield each, with an attested copy
of this petition and order of notice thereon by delivering
the same to them; and also posted up in two public
places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the
substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners, make their return
in writing, as follows, viz:

Windsor, June 3, 1840. The County Commissioners
of said County, having given notice to all persons and
corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner
set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said
County, and also by publishing in a newspaper, printed
in said County, as the law directs, an abstract of
said petition containing the substance thereof, and
stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, and
also the manner of publication, as is set forth in said
order, and in said abstract so published as aforesaid,
met at the time and place in said order and abstract
mentioned. James H. Crocker, one of the County Commis-

measures were not met on said petition, by reason of which, he being an inhabitant of Springfield, where said road is located, and Lewis Wright, one of the Special Commissioners on being informed, advised and acted thereon, that these measures be proceeded to lay out and establish a highway as follows.

Beginning on the westerly side of the old Road, a few rods southerly of E. Torrey's house, on land of Asahel Nash, at a stake by the Wall, near a gate way and running thence N. 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 41 rods to a stake. Then N. 68 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 99 Rods to a stake. Then N. 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 24 rods 10 links. Then S. 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 12 rods 7 links. Then S. 73° W. 11 rods 5 links, crossing the old road, to a stake. Then N. 81° W. 4 rods and recrossing the old road, to a stake easterly from a causeway. Then N. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 7 rods and 21 links to a point directly under the top of a leaning maple tree, northerly of said causeway by a small brook. Then N. 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W. 17 rods to a stake on the high ground in a Rye field; on the Northerly side of the old road. Then N. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 44 Rods 22 links to a small yellow pine, marked on the Northerly side of the old road. Then N. 31° W. 21 rods 10 links, recrossing the old road to a stone monument, on the down line of Sudlow and Springfield, on the southerly side of old road. Then N. 60 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W. 269 rods 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ links to a stake and stone, on the northerly side of the old road, and on the south side of the Robinson roads. Said road is laid three rods wide, and the line run is the north or right hand limits.

Until the first of October, next, is assumed for the survey of lands to owners, Timber, Wood and other at Stations from the location.

After locating, we hear all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages, who shall be heard, and assessed and allowed damages as follows.

To Asahel Nash Eight dollars

No other person was injured by said location, but all other owners of lands will be benefited thereby, and no further damages were allowed.

Said location be well marked in field with exclusion of stakes, and made in a good and workable manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners by the first day of July 1841.

All which is submitted

Gideon Stiles Esq. }
John Bond Esq. } County Commrs.
Lewis Wright Esq. } Special Commr.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted on the way subject of public convenience and necessity.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire Allen & at
M. the Subscribers respectfully represent, that the better petition for
convenience and necessity, require that alterations should be made in the
road leading from the Rail Depot in
Palmer, to the Centre of the Town, and also from the
Centre of the Town to the School House near Wilson's
in Said Palmer. They therefore pray, that the Com-
missioners would view said Road, and make such al-
terations and improvements, as they shall think the public
convenience requires, or by laying a new road, where
they may think it necessary.

(Signed)

Abner Allen, L. & others

Palmer, Sept. 28. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday
of October A. D. 1839. at which meeting it was agreed
that said Commissioners meet at the house of Abner
Allen Jun. in Palmer on Tuesday the 21st day of Novem-
ber next, at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose
of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said
petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and
corporations interested therein, and if the same shall
be adjudged to be of common convenience and
necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for
and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting
all persons and corporations interested, upon the sub-
ject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be
given, to all persons and corporations interested in
said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order thereon, three weeks successively in
the Hampshire Post a newspaper printed in said
County, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least, before the time of said meeting. And it is
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or
his Deputy, send the Town Clerk of Palmer with
an attested copy of said petition and this order there-
on thirty days at least, and post up in two public
places in said Town an abstract, containing the
substance of said petition fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or
his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings
to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting.

James M. Brooks, Chairman
and this petition was continued to the meeting
of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth
Tuesday of December A. D. 1839. and the Sheriff
of said County in pursuance of the above order
made his return as follows viz.

Hampden Co. Oct. 12. 1839. I served the Town Clerk of Chatham with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also I posted up in said Town in two public places an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

E. Rice Sheriff.

At which last said meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden Co. Nov. 21. 1839. The County Commissioners of said County having given due and legal notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by publication of a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said County during the time, place and purpose of the meeting according to the provisions of law in that behalf made as is set forth and expressed in the foregoing order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and published as aforesaid. John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of town where said Road is situated, did not act on said petition, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted thereon in the place of said Ward. And the board thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who desired to be heard upon the subject on matters of said petition said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that certain alterations, improvements and specific repairs should be made in said road, according to the prayer of said petition, and so report accordingly.

All which is submitted

James M. Brooks } County Commr.
Gideon Stiles }

Lucius Wright } Special Commr.

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Cyrus Knox, in Palmer on Friday the 29th day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said

petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, give the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Crooks Chairman

And this petition was continued to this Term. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order, made his Return as follows.

"Hampden Co. April 29, 1846. I served the Town Clerk of Palmer, with an attached copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said Commissioners meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the County Commissioners make their report as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. May 29, 1846. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth by the foregoing return of the Sheriff, of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof as the law in that behalf directs, and as is required by the foregoing order, and by the abstract so published as aforesaid, met at the time place, and for the purpose mentioned in said abstract and the foregoing order. John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, being an inhabitant of Palmer, did not act on said petition; but Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned, appeared and acted in the same in the place of said Ward. And the board, thus constituted, proceeded to establish an alteration in said road, and laid out and established said Road as follows, viz.

Beginning on the north side of the highway,

Northerly about forty rods from the depot of the Western Rail Road in Palmer, at the southwest corner of land of Elisha Converse, Jr. by his new barn and running thence on the Westerly line of said Converse, land, N. 22° E. 43 rods, 8 links to a stake about 3 links from the southwest corner of a burying ground; then N. 25° E. 62 rods and 10 links to crossing and recrossing the old road to a stake and stones on the East side of the old road. Said last mentioned stake and stones, being one rod and eight links from a white pine, marked, and on a course or bearing from said stake and stones, S. 68° E. and we laid said road three rods wide, and on the west side of the line, above run, on land of John Shaw. After locating said road, we heard all persons and corporations interested who chose to be heard upon the subject of damages, and assessed and allowed damages for lands taken as follows.

To John Shaw, we allowed \$1.75 by three dollars

To other person or corporation was injured by the location of said road, and no further damages claimed or allowed. And we have allowed three dollars to the owner of lands for removing timber, wood, fences and other obstructions from said location.

Said road is to be widest 20 feet wide for the travel path, exclusive of ditches, to be well raised and bordered with loam or gravel, with proper drains and water-courses, and finished in a substantial and workmanlike manner, to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June 1841.

All which is submitted

James M. Brooks Secy County Com
Gideon Stiles Secy

Charles Wright Secy

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the way therein described established as and for a highway.

W. R. P. Co.
petition to
open dam

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the lands of Ambrose Day Jun of Westfield in the County of Hampshire, which lands are situated in the Town of Westfield in said County of Hampshire, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz Beginning by land lately owned by Ambrose Day at a point 50 feet northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows viz parallel to said line 40 feet; then 100 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 355 feet to land lately owned by

Stephen Harrison). Then southerly by land lately owned by Stephen Harrison, 85 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of said centre line then easterly parallel to said centre line 453 feet to land lately owned by Ambrose Day. Then north easterly by land ^{lately} owned by Ambrose Day, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred forty three rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Walter Cooley, of West Springfield in said County of Hampden, which said land is situated in said Town of West Springfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of Justin Ely, and westerly on land of Abel Cooley and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Justin Ely at a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods northerly of the true centre point of the line of the Rail Road as located for a double track and run westerly as follows, viz parallel to said centre line, 154 feet; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 55 feet from said centre line; then 15 feet to a point 61 feet from said centre line to land of Abel Cooley; then southerly by land of Abel Cooley 104 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of said centre line; then easterly parallel to said centre line, 400 feet to land of Justin Ely; then northerly by land of Justin Ely, 86 feet to the place of beginning, containing one hundred twenty five rods of land.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Abel Cooley of West Springfield in said County of Hampden, which said land is situated in said Town of West Springfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded easterly on land of Walter Cooley, and, westerly on land of Ezekiel Day, and is described as follows, viz. Beginning by land of Walter Cooley at a point 61 feet northerly of the true centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run westerly as follows, viz 90 feet to a point 75 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 80 feet to land of Ezekiel Day; then southerly by land of said Day 100 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods southerly of said centre line; then easterly parallel to said centre line 400 feet to land of Walter Cooley; then northerly by land of Walter Cooley 104 feet to the place of beginning, containing one hundred thirty seven rods of land. That in all cases where the said land is located, more than five rods wide it was necessary in order to procure earth, gravel and stone, and other materials, and for the proper construction and security of the rail road. That where

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petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Ambrose Day, Jr. Walter Croley & Abel Croley thereby, according to law.

The Western Rail Road Corporation

By ^{Ray} R. C. Morris, their atty.
Dated at Springfield, this eleventh day of May A. D. 1840

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden, ^{Sp} May 14. 1840. The foregoing petition being this presented to the Subscriber, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for said County, it is ordered, that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Ambrose Day, Jr. in Westfield, on Friday the 23^d day of May current, at 2 O'clock P.M. then and there to act on said petition, so far as concerns the said Ambrose Day, Jr.; and also that said Commissioners meet at the Southworth Farm Mills in West Springfield on the same 23^d day of May at 2 O'clock P.M. then and there to act on said petition, so far as concerns the said Walter and Abel Croley; and it is also ordered that due and reasonable notice be given to the said Ambrose Day, Jr. and to the said Walter and Abel Croley, by serving them severally, with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them respectively, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meetings. And the said Western Rail Road Corporation ^{acknowledges and agrees to} pay and recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of Five hundred Dollars each, to be paid to the said County, to save it from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

James M. Crooks, Chairman of the Board

To Ambrose Day, Jr. of Westfield in the County of Hampden, Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Westfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield which lands are particularly described in said petition on file and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. Now we hereby certify that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at New house in Westfield on the 23^d day of May next at 11 O'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, will be heard when the

Subject

See Order

James M. Crooks, Chairman

May 14, A. D. 1840

I certify that I have this day left at Andrew Day's Dwelling House in Westfield a true and attested copy of the above notice;

May 15th 1840.

R. D. Morris

To Abel Cooley of West Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at West Springfield, near Agawam River which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Southworth's Paper Mill in West Springfield on the 23rd day of May inst at 2 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James M. Crooks, Chairman

May 14, 1840

I certify that I have this day left at the Dwelling House of Abel Cooley in West Springfield a true copy of the above notice. May 15. 1840

R. D. Morris

To Walter Cooley of West Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of West Springfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at West Springfield near the Agawam River which lands are particularly described in said petition on file; and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at Southworth's Paper Mills in West Springfield, on the 23rd day of May inst at 2 o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James M. Crooks, Chairman

May 14, A. D. 1840

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I certify that I have this day given to Walter Cooley
a true and attested copy of the above notice.

May 10th 1846.

R. P. Morris

Shamfield 4th May 22 1846 The County Commissioners
of said County having given reasonable notice to said
Day as named in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail
Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns
him, and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting
met the said Amrose Day Jr and also R. P. Morris Esq
who appeared on behalf of said Corporation at the house of
the said Amrose, in Westfield, on this 22nd day of May agree-
ably to said notice, and abstract, a copy of which is on
file, and hereunto annexed, and proceeded to view the premises
of said Day, set forth and described in said petition, and
having viewed the same and heard the said Day, and
also the said Morris fully upon the subject matter of
said petition, we have estimated and appraised the
damages the said Day will sustain by reason of the
location of said Rail Road upon and over his land
by reason of the taking of his said lands for said Rail
Road, and for his damages and expenses in fencing
his said lands in consequence of said location, at
the sum of Two Hundred and One Dollars, to be paid
him by said Western Rail Road Corporation.

And having also given reasonable notice to Abel
Cooley and Walter Cooley, named in said petition by
serving each of them with an abstract of said petition
containing the substance thereof, so far as concerns them
and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting
met the said Abel and Walter Cooley, and also R. P. Mor-
ris Esq on behalf of said Western Rail Road Corporation
on this same 22nd day of May, at the Northweth Paper
Mills in West Springfield, agreeably to said notice and
abstract, a copy of which is on file and hereunto annexed
and said Commissioners proceeded to view the prem-
ises set forth and described in said petition belong-
ing to said Abel Cooley & Walter Cooley, and having
viewed the same, and heard the said Abel and Wal-
ter, and also the said Morris, fully upon the sub-
ject matter of said petition, wherein the said
Abel and Walter are concerned, and interested, we
estimated and appraised the damages said Abel
and Walter will sustain by reason of the location
of said Rail Road upon and over the lands of
the said Abel and Walter and the injury to them
by reason of taking their said lands for said
Rail Road, and for their damages and expenses
in fencing their said lands in consequence of
said location, at the sum of Thirty four Dol-

two for said Abel Cooley; and Thirty One dollars
for said Walter Cooley, to be paid to them, respectively
by the said Corporation.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Seal } County,
Vidson Stiles Seal }
John Ware Seal } Commission

which upon being read and considered is agreed,

Henry Glover is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Glover
Springfield on the store of Daniel Bonten on Market Street.

Isaac B. Kinton and Henry Tucker are licensed as Innholders - Wintered at
as in the Thompson House on the corner of Main Street and Court
Streets in Springfield.

Spencer Perrell is licensed as an innholder in the town of Ferris
Island.

Emory C. Warner is licensed as a Tannery in the Town of Warner
Wilbraham at the Depot of the W R R.

Justin Shearer is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Salmer Shearer
near the ~~Station~~ ^{Station}, lately owned by John Tidgwick.

Abraham L. Mendrick is licensed as an innholder in the ~~town of~~ ^{town of}
Town of Salmer at Bonaville.

Whiting Street is licensed as a retailer in the Town of Street
West Springfield, at the store he now occupies.

Peter H. Glover is licensed as a retailer, in the Town of Glover
of Wilbraham at the north village, at the store lately
occupied by Justin Shearer.

Theodore K. Wolf is licensed as a Retailer in the B Wolf
Town of Chester at his Store in the Centre of the Town of
Chester.

Theodore Bartlett is licensed as an innholder in the Bartlett
Town of West Springfield at the stand lately occupied by
Clark Sheffield.

John M. Merrick is licensed as a Tannery in the Merrick
Town of Wilbraham, at his dwelling house in said Wilbraham.

The Votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and Tally for
counted, it appears that the whole number of votes was twenty seven
Four Thousand seven hundred and thirty four, Meripony for a
at Twenty three hundred and eighty three. Williams

Rice has Twentyfive hundred one thirty six and is declared by the County Commissioners as charged and he appears and sworn before the County Commissioners, and has given bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Order of
House of Gov.

Ordered the Henry Chapin be, and he is appointed
Clerk of the House of Correction in the room of George
Bluff Esq resigned

Order to loan
Money.

Ordered By the County Commissioners that the County
Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of Two Thousand
Dollars, towards the current expenses of the County, and to give
a Note or Notes therefor, and to receive the same from
time to time, as may be deemed necessary to be reimbursed
from the Taxes to be collected the present Year.

Bradley

Vincent A Bradley is licensed as an Innholder in the
Town of Mansfield in the new House lately erected by Thos=
quard Norton, near his Factory in South Mansfield.

Accounts.

The following Accounts against the County were prepared
and allowed, and ordered, by the County Commissioners to be
paid out of the County Treasury, viz:

To William Rice & Son	1.00
To C. A. Francis Surveying &	18.00
Amos Parson clearing House &	11.66
J. Kendall work on Jail	2.50
Isaac K. Ogden feddy Locks at Jail	3.87
Wm Harnett's Stationer & Printer	66
Deane & Daily Sons for Jail	2.87
W. Post the Taxes, Wards & de	16.37
Galeb Rice Long Notes, &c	89.58
John Ingersoll bill. Wards &c	16.96
J. Adams's balance in care of Stanton	221.88

Sarkis

Sam Sarkis petition to be licensed as an Innholder in the Town of
Montgomery, at the House he now occupies. Prayer of petition granted.

E. C. Lenthall
Petition
for Road in
Ludlow &
Highway

To the County Commissioners, for the County of Harpden
The undersigned, respectfully represent, that the public con-
venience and necessity require a new highway or an al-
teration in the present one, between Pells Bridge in Ludlow
and the County line, in the direction of South Hadley meeting-
House, in the first parish. Wherefore your petitioners request
a view, and that such alterations and new High Way
as may best thereof may be laid and established, according
to law.

Signed

June 25. 1834.

Edw. W. C. Jenkins & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June

on the 1st day of one last one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine
and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held
on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1839, at which meeting it
was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of
John Haysden, in Sudlow on Wednesday the 28th day of November
next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of presenting
to them, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing
to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if
the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience
and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and
after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons
and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

It is Ordered that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a
copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks
successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper
printed in said county the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is
further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy
serve the Town Clerks of Springfield and Sudlow each, with
an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon
thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said
towns respectively an abstract, containing the substance of
said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof
with his doings, to Gordon Hild, Esq. one of said Commis-
sioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. 1839.
And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above
order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Oct. 11th 1839. I served the Town
Clerk of Sudlow with an attested copy of said petition
aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the
same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in
two public places in said town an abstract, con-
taining the substance of said petition, and on the
12th day I served the Town Clerk of Springfield
with an attested copy of said petition and order
of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and
posting up in two public places in said town an
abstract containing the substance of said petition
L. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commission-
ers made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. Nov. 20th 1839. The County Com-
missioners of said County, having given due and
legal notice to all persons and corporations inter-
ested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the

forgoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as well as by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the manner of publication and the time, place, and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth and required in said order of notice, and at the time and place in said order mentioned; Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on being summoned appeared and acted on said petition in the place of James M. Brooks one of the County Commissioners, who is an inhabitant of Springfield, where a part of the road proposed is situated; and the Board thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises, described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who seemed to be heard, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that certain alterations should be made in the Road leading from Little Bridge in Ludlow, to South Hadley, between said Bridge and the County line, as set forth in said petition, with improvements and specific repairs, and to report accordingly all which is submitted

John Ward } Co. Clerks
Gideon Stiles }

Lucius Wright, Special Com.

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow, on Thursday the 4th day of June next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, send the Town Clerks of Springfield and Ludlow, with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his return to Gideon Stiles, one of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James M. Brooks, Chairman

And the petition was returned to this Court, and the Sheriff of
said County made his return as follows in pursuance of the fore-
going order, viz.

Hampden Co. April 30, 1840. I served the Town Clerks of Spring-
field and Sudlow each with an attested copy of this petition
and order of notice thereon, by delivering the same to them
and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns
an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

L. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the Commissioners made their
report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. June 4th 1840. The County Commissioners of
said County, having given notice to all persons and corpo-
rations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and
having caused to be published in a newspaper, printed in
said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the
substance thereof together with the foregoing order, stating the
time, place, and purpose of the meeting, which publication is
in accordance with the provisions of law in that behalf, and
according to the requirements in the foregoing order, met at
the time and place in said order and abstract so published
as aforesaid, and proceeded to alter, lay out, and establish
a road or highway in the Town of Sudlow, as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake and stones, by the north bar post
of Warden Hubbard, on the West side of the old road, a few
rods southerly of his house, and running thence N. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W.
43 rods 7 links to a white oak tree marked, in said Hubbard's
field, north of his house—thence N. $14\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 104 rods to a
black oak tree marked in the edge of a small wood on
the Westerly side of the old road—thence N. $18\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 42
rods 15 links to a stake, on a knoll, in an old field South-
erly of the Pratt house—thence N. $20\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 54 rods 10 links to
a large Black Oak tree, near the old road, and on the
Westerly side thereof and thence on the same course
to the old road. The road is laid thus far three rods
wide, and the line run is West or left hand limits;
and thence following the old road on the East side
thereof to the East bar post of John Moody, a few rods
west of his house, and on the northeasterly side of the
old road, and run from thence on the right hand
limits of the new location N. $3^{\circ} 41'$ W. 193 rods 9 links
to a large white oak tree by the easterly side of the
old road, and laid the same three rods wide; and
established said alterations as and for a Highway.
After which we heard all who desired or chose to be
heard on the subject of damages, and we estimated and
allowed damages for lands taken for said road as
follows, viz. to Susan Pratt Thirteen Dollars.
to Sarah Pratt Fifteen Dollars.

Set of
Hampden Co.

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It is also hereby One Hundred thirty Dollars
 to Sumner Chapman One Hundred seventy four Dollars
 to other persons claimed damages by reason of said location
 and no further damages were allowed.

It is also allowed the owners of lands within the limits of
 April next to remove wood, timber, fences, &c. from said
 location. Said road is to be worked and made to the
 acceptance of said commissioners, by the first day of Sep-
 tember 9. A. D. 1841

In the construction of said road, the following par-
 ticulars are to be observed. The main path is to be 20 feet
 wide, exclusive of suitable ditching. All roots, stumps, and
 stumps are to be removed from the bed of road, before it
 is formed. All hills and knolls are to be properly leveled
 and hauled down, and the earth from knolls and hills
 is to be hauled lengthwise, and in no case towards the
 center of the road. All low and wet places to be raised
 and sandy places hardened. Suitable drains and water-
 courses to be made where necessary. The old road west
 of the Saw Mill, is to be thoroughly repaired and widened
 and the bridge to be raised at least three feet, and
 well hauled in at rock abutment, to make the passage
 on to the bridge easy and convenient; and the hills on each
 side the track are to be thoroughly repaired. In all other
 respects, said road is to be made to the acceptance of said
 commissioners, by the time aforesaid.

All which is submitted.

James H. Crockett Secy
 Gideon Stiles Secy } Co. Commissioners
 John Ward Secy

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, the
 same, alterations and repairs adjudged of Common Concern
 and necessity.

Geo. Chandler's
 Petition for
 Road in Westfield
 West Springfield

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County
 of Hampden. The subscribers respectfully represent, that
 the public convenience and necessity require, that the ex-
 isting highway from the house of Edmund Stiles to the
 top of Hog Hole Hill in Westfield, should be discontinued, and
 the existing highway, from Taylor's bridge, in Westfield, to the
 bridge near the place formerly occupied by Widow Frost in
 West Springfield, should be altered. They therefore pray that
 you would view and discontinue that part of the road, above-
 mentioned, and make the alterations aforesaid, and as in duty
 bound will ever pray.

Signed

George Chandler and others.

Feb. 11. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of De-
 cember, A. D. 1838 and by adjournment on the third Monday

of February A. D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1839, in the petition aforesaid, heretofore entered, and a view had therein, and a new view been requested, by the Selectmen of Westfield, and also by the petitioners and several applicants and further by the Commissioners, Ordered, that said Commissioners, meet at the house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield, on Tuesday the 21st day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Westfield and West Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns, respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff, or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to, the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Corboks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows.

Hampden Co. March 21, 1840. I served the Town Clerks of the Towns of Westfield and West Springfield each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

Hampden Co. April 21, 1840. The County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

At which last mentioned meeting, The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice,

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During the time, place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is fully set forth and contained in said order so published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said order mentioned and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said commissioners were of opinion, that common convenience and necessity require that the old road should not be discontinued, and that a new road might not be laid and established, nor alterations made, as prayed for - And said commissioners do accordingly adjudge that the prayer of said petition be not granted. All which is submitted.

James M. Crook
Gideon Stiles
John Ward } County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road and alterations adjudged met of common convenience and necessity.

J. Ferrell
Petitioner,
vs.
County
Commissrs

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
Timothy Ferrell, represents, that your Board will not allow him adequate and sufficient damages for his land taken for a Road, laid in Palmar, at Faircliff Village, in the petition of Jonathan Stone and others. He therefore requests the Commissioners to increase the damages and allow him such further sum as in their judgment he ought to receive.

Timothy Ferrell

Palmar, Oct. 2. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of Oct. 1839 and continued to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

Hampden Co. July 1st 1840.
day of September. next.

Attest

Adjourned to Tuesday the first

John Ingersoll Clerk.



HALL OF JUSTICE
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN
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30. Oct. 1830.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun & holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the sixth day of said month in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty. - & by Adj. on the first day of the aforesaid day to day to the fifth day of said December.

By

James W. Crooks, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } County Commissioners
John Ward Esq. }

Selection of
Holland petition
for allow. for
small Road.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned a committee directed by the Inhabitants of Holland in Town meeting assembled, to petition the County through the Commissioners, for assistance, by appropriating such a portion of County funds for the building the County Road from Elbridge to Fuller's Factory in said Holland to the Guttery Bridge, & called, in Brimfield, as Your Hon. body shall judge just and equitable, beg leave to state, that we have viewed the road as recently established by the County Committee in Holland, and have estimated the cost of building said road and bridge over the Deerubung River, to be not less than Five thousand and fifty dollars. The above said Road, land once established on the petition of Elbridge & Fuller and others. We therefore beg Your would take into consideration the ability of said Holland to defray expenses, and make such appropriation for our benefit, as you shall judge we are intitled to, and as in duty bound shall ever pray
Dated Holland, Sept. 3, 1838.

Theodore Wallis }
Ezra Allen } Commissioners
Willard Wild }

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

A Synonymous
Petition
for Road in
Granville

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden

The subscribers, Citizens of Granville in said Hampden County, respectfully represent that public convenience requires that a highway should be laid out and established from near the Baptist meeting house in the East Parish in said Granville, over the land of Rufus Barlow and others in a Southwesterly course to the Turnbull place (so called). They therefore request that the Commissioners would view, and if judged to be of common convenience and necessity, to locate and establish the same.

(Dated at Granville the 12th day of February 1839.

Wm. Seymour, and others.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1839, at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Charles Phelps, in Granville on Tuesday the 4th day of June next, at 11 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear, at said place, of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also, Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1839. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden St. April 27, 1839. I have served the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden St. June 12th 1839. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff, and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition according to the provisions of law in that behalf, together with the within order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, as also the time and manner of publication in a newspaper printed in said County, as set

forth in the foregoing order of notice, met at the time and places mentioned in said order of notice, and proceeded to view the route for a road mentioned in said petition; and after viewing the same, and hearing all persons and corporations interested upon the subject matter of said petition, who chose to be heard thereon, said commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a new road from near the bridge southeasterly of Charles Parks to the Road near the Trumbull place, so called, should be laid out and established. And said commissioners accordingly do adjudge and report in the premises.

All which is submitted.

Larnes W. Brooks,

John Ward

Sideon Stiles

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the home of Elijah Seymour, in Branville on Monday the 29th day of June next, at 10 O'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of dorrages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Branville with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Larnes W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz

Hampden Co. May 27. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Branville with a true and attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of

said petition

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows. Hampshire Co. June 29. 1840. The County Commissioners of the County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing order of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, as is set forth in the foregoing Order of said Commissioners, an abstract of said petition, during the time and place of meeting for the location of said road, in conformity with said order of notice, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and according to the foregoing order and the abstract aforesaid, do published do aforesaid, which said abstract contained the substance of said petition, met at the time and place and for the purpose in said order and abstract mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish a highway in the Town of Granville as follows, to wit. Commencing on the West side of the old Hartford Turnpike, at a Stake and Stone, about 25 rods southerly, from the Baptist meeting house, near Phelps Tavern. Bearing from said Stake to a Black Cherry tree, standing on the bank of a small brook, South $39\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West, distance from said tree to the above point, one rod and five links. Thence, from the above commencing point, South $79\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 8 rods to a Stake on the wall, taking in on the line a large Chestnut tree marked. Thence South 76° West, 33 rods and 22 links, to a small pile of Stones, on a large Stone, in an old dam, Thence South $44\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West, 24 rods to a Walnut Tree marked. Thence South $27\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West 18 rods to a large Black Birch, marked. Thence South 49° West, 6 rods to large Chestnut tree, marked. Thence South $50\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 16 rods. Thence South $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 8 rods and 9 links to a Stake and Stones. Thence South 8° West 9 & 14 links to a Hard maple marked. Thence South 48° West, 8 rods to an Elm tree, standing on the North side of the Brook. Thus far the line is on the Northerly side of the Brook. Thence across the brook South $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 4 rods and 10 links to a small hard maple, southerly from said Brook. Thence South 58° West, 10 rods to a large Chestnut tree marked. Thence South $87\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 26 rods and 12 links to a Stake and stone. Thence South $42\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 6 rods to a Stake and stone. Thence South $36\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West, 8 rods to small Hemlock, marked. Thence South 31° West, 9 rods, to a Hemlock. Thence South 49° West, 16 rods. Thence South 68° West, 22 rods to a Stake and stone. Thence South $60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, 26 rods to a small marked Black cherry tree on the East side of the Road, leading from East Granville, by the "Trumbull Place." So called. The above is the left hand limits, or southerly side of the road. Said Road is laid three rods wide; and after locating, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard on the subject of damages And we assessed and allowed damages, for lands taken

for said ^{road} follows, to wit: Rufus Barlow, Eighty three Dollars
 " Edmund Barlow Forty four dollars
 " Oliver Ross Seventy dollars
 " Lucius Gibbins Thirty seven dollars
 " James W. Gibbins One dollar
 " Joseph Parsons Thirty one dollars

in the construction of said Road, the following particulars are to be observed. The travel path is to be 36 feet wide, exclusive of ditches. All roots, stumps and stumps are to be dug out and removed off the location before the end of the Road is formed. Good and substantial fences and Water courses and bridges are to be made whenever necessary for the safety and permanence of the road. All low and wet places are to be properly filled up and raised and along and near the brook, Good and permanent walls are to be built, and in all other respects said road is to be built in a substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of September, 1841. And the owners of lands are allowed all the first day of April next, to remove timber, Wood and all obstructions from the location. The Bridge near the Turnbull Place and both ends of the road are to be constructed by Alexander and John Seymour, as by their agreement in writing on file. All which is submitted

James W. Brooks Secy
 Gideon Stiles Secy { County Commrs
 John Ward Secy

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the Road is established as a common Highway

"N. R. R. Co." To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rutland, in and for Vermont. The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across a tract of land situated in Rutland in the County of Hampshire, in which Sylvester Parks of Albany in said County of Hampshire, claims an interest, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz: Beginning by the Canal Feeder pond on Westfield river, at a point 70 feet Northwesterly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a Double track, and run Westerly as follows (viz) 60 feet to a point 60 feet from said centre line; then 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line; then 100 to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods from said centre line; then parallel to said centre line 300 feet, to the old county road, lately discontinued, then by said old county road 625 feet to Land of said Corporation, then southerly by said Corporation 13 feet to a point southerly of said centre line then easterly as follows, viz: parallel to said centre line 92 feet then 100 feet to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods from said centre line then parallel to said centre line 600 feet to a point 50 feet from

said centre line - then parallel to said centre line 128 feet to the
canal feeder pond - then Northeasterly, by the pond 185 feet to the
place of beginning, containing in the whole One Acre seventy eight
rods of land - And the said Parks claims to own one undivided
half part thereof. That Your petitioners have not been able to obtain
said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They
therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to
view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if
any, sustained by said claimant thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 23 day of June A.D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corporation

By R. D. Morris their Atty.

To Sylvester Parks of Palmer in the County of Hampden,
Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition
to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they
have created their Rail Road in the town of Russell in said
County upon and over lands one half of which is claimed by
you, being near the farm lately owned by Isaac Brownson
deceased, which lands are particularly described in said petition
on file, and further representing that they have not been able to
obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting
the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount
of damages, if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby
notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at
Hiram Williston's dwelling house in Russell, on the 5th day of
August next, at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be
present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

See Order

James W. Weeks, Chairman

July 1. A.D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day left at the house of
the above named Sylvester Parks, in Palmer, a true copy
of the above. July 24 1840

R. D. Morris

Hampden Co. August 5. 1840. The County Commissioners
of said County, having given reasonable notice to Sylves-
ter Parks, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the
Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an
abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof,
as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and having
annexed, and the said Parks, and also R. D. Morris, Esq.
the attorney of said Rail Road Corporation, at the dwelling
house of Hiram Williston in Russell, on this fifth day of
August, 1840, at ten o'clock A.M. and proceeded to view
the premises described in said petition, and the lands of
said Parks, taken by said Corporation for their Rail Road
and having received the same, and heard the said Morris
and Parks fully in the premises, we have estimated the
damages for lands and fencing the same, which said
Parks will receive by reason of his lands being so taken, at
the sum of Fifteen Dollars.

Jarvis W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners on Summons, appeared and acted on said petition, in the place of said Brooks, the which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Seal } County Commis;
John Ward & Seal }
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Commis;

Which Report being read and considered was accepted.

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W. R. H. Co.
Att. to application
in Westfield
Chas. Noble

In the Year the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of The Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Charles Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Westfield in said County of Hampden and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded South Easterly on land of Roland Dewey and Westerly on land conveyed to said Corporation by Asahel Dewey being a strip across his Neck Lot, so called, 297 1/2 feet in length, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and including 100 feet wide, viz 50 feet upon each side of the true centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, containing one hundred and nine rods of land. That it was necessary to take more than five rods in width in the location of the road for the purpose of embankment and for the safety and proper security of the road.

Also, they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Roland Dewey of Westfield in said County of Hampden, which land is situated in said Westfield, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is bounded South easterly on land conveyed to said Corporation by Samuel Bush, and Northwesterly on land of Charles Noble, being a strip across his Neck Lot, so called, 312 feet in length, on the centre line of the Rail Road, and including 100 feet wide viz 50 feet upon each side of the centre line of the Rail Road, as located for a double track, containing one hundred fourteen rods of land. That it was necessary to take more than five rods in width in the location of the road for the purpose of embankment and the safety and proper security of the road. That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained, by the said Charles Noble and Roland Dewey, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield the twenty third day of June, A.D. 1840
The Western Rail Road Corp. By R. B. Morris, their atty.

To Charles Noble of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by them at Westfield aforesaid, in the State so called, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Stephen Harrison's dwelling house in Westfield on the 2^d day of July next, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per Order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield June 23^d A.D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day left at the dwelling house of Charles Noble a certified copy of the above notice

June 25, 1840.

R. D. Morris.

To Roland Dewey of Westfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Westfield in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Westfield aforesaid in the State so called, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at Stephen Harrison's dwelling house, in Westfield on the 2^d day of July next, at 9 o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield June 23^d A.D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day left at the dwelling house of Roland Dewey a certified copy of the above notice.

June 25, 1840

R. D. Morris.

Hampden Co. July 2, 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Charles Noble and Roland Dewey mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving the said Noble and Dewey respectively with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof all which appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, met the said Noble and Dewey and N. J. Leonard Esq. their counsel on their behalf and also R. D. Morris Esq. in behalf of said Western Rail Road Corporation, at the house of Stephen Harrison in Westfield on the second day of July A.D. 1840 at 9 o'clock A.M. and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. And after view-

ing the same lands particularly described therein and having the said Noble and Dwyer by themselves and their counsel, and also the said Morris, on behalf of said corporation, fully upon the subject matter of said petition, and particularly in relation to all damages as well consequential as otherwise and all expenses incurred, or to be incurred by the said Noble and Dwyer respectively, for fencing their lands by reason of the taking of their said lands, for said Rail Road, we have estimated and appraised the damages by them sustained thereby, respectively, as follows, to wit:

The lands of Charles Noble taken for said Rail Road and expense of fencing the same, and all damages occasioned thereby, we have estimated at the sum of Three hundred and two Dollars

\$302.00

The lands of Roland Dwyer, taken for said Rail Road, and his expenses of fencing, and all damages occasioned thereby, we have estimated at the sum of Two hundred and forty five Dollars.

\$245.00

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks, Secy

Sideon Stiles, Secy

John Ward, Secy

County Comm.

which Report being read and considered is accepted,

W. R. R. Co.
Feb 1. 1837
dam in Chester
Holland Deputy

To the Hon. the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail road upon and across a tract of land lying in Chester in the County of Hampden, bounded southerly on land of Samuel Otis, or the West branch of Westfield River, and northerly on land of Erastus Fay, being a part of a tract of land conveyed by Hugh Twigg to William M. Holland of New York by deed dated March 31. 1836, and by said Holland mortgaged to Hamilton Murray of New York, by deed dated August 1. 1837, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning at the centre of said River by land of Samuel Otis, at a point 50 feet easterly of the centre line of the Rail Road as located for a double track, and run Northwesterly as follows, viz. parallel to said centre line 40 feet; then 25 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said centre line. Then parallel to said centre line 3019 feet to land of Erastus Fay. Then Westwesterly by land of said Fay 125 feet to a point 70 feet south westerly of said centre line. Then southerly as follows, viz. 100 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line. Then 100 feet to a point 2 1/2 rods from said centre line: then parallel to said centre line 2879 feet; then 25 feet to a point 50 feet from said centre line. Then parallel to said centre line 40 feet to the centre of said river, or land of Samuel Otis. Then Easterly by said Otis, 110 feet to the place of beginning, continuing

five acres, one hundred thirtyfive rods of land. And that where said Rail Road is located more than five rods wide, it was necessary for cuttings and embankments and the proper security of the roads.

That said petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner or owners thereof. They therefore bring this County Commissioners after due notice to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the owners thereof, according to law. *Ordered at Springfield this twenty third day of June, A.D. 1840.*

The Western Rail Road Corporation

By George Blip, Agent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1840. On the petition aforesaid, it is Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will hold a meeting at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, in said County on Thursday the sixth day of August next at Nine O'clock A.M. by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in Springfield in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before said sixth day of August, at which time place the said Commissioners will proceed to view the premises, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and to assess such damages as any person may sustain by reason of the location of said Rail Road as aforesaid.

JAMES W. CROCK, Chairman

Attest -

John Ingersoll, Clerk.

Hampden Co. August 6th 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation by publishing in true and attested copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice three weeks successively in a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication being fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for the meeting, all which is particularly set forth and described in said order of notice, so published as aforesaid, and at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. R. D. Morris, Attorney for said Rail Road Corporation, appeared in behalf of said Corporation, and was present during the view and hearing. The owner or owners of the lands described in said petition did not appear, but it being suggested to said Commissioners by said Morris, that William M. Holland of the City of New York was the owner of the same, and said Commissioners after having viewed the premises, and heard all persons and corporations interested, or who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, we estimated the damages occasioned to said Wm M Holland

by the location of said Rail Road, and for her lands taken for the same: at the sum of Twenty two Dollars, to be paid by said Rail Road Corporation.

James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners being absent, Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on Instructions approved, and acted on said petition in the place of James Brooks. All which is submitted.

Gideon Niles & Seal } County Commis.
John Warr & Seal }
Lucius Wright & Seal } Special Commis.

Which report being read and considered is accepted. -

To the County Commissioners, at their meeting held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden on the 11th Tuesday of June, A. D. 1840.

Respectfully represents Charles Stearns of said Springfield that on the 13th day of April A. D. 1840 the County Commissioners laid out and established a Highway in said Springfield across and over the land of John Petoline, situated North of Bridge Street, and between said Bridge Street and the Rail Road Depot; and the said Stearns, being aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the estimation of his damages occasioned thereby, now asks for a Jury to be summoned to hear and determine the matter of this complaint.

Charles Stearns

June 2d. 1840.

By Geo. Ashmun, his Attorney.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1840, and continued to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

W. R. R. C.

Set to View and

Determine petition

of Road in Westfield

by the Great River Road

At the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of Western Rail Road Corporation, Passengers, &c. &c. &c. represents, that they have laid out and located a Rail Road through the Town of Westfield in said County of Hampden, and upon and across the Old High way leading from the house of John Stearns to the Great River in Westfield, and said Corporation propose to raise a new bridge about ten and a half feet in the deepest place where the Rail Road crosses the same; and to slope the same off to the north at a grade not exceeding three degrees, and to the south in the course of and across the old alignment of the bridge at a uniform slope from the top of the embankment to the shore at low water - and in the direction of the new bridge at a grade not exceeding three degrees - with suitable railing where needed; and that said Corporation have, in writing, notified the Selectmen of the Town of Westfield of their intention so to do. That

said Selectmen within thirty days after receiving such notice
and in writing, notify said Petitioners that they required said
old Highway should be so altered, that in passing the Rail Road
it should be under instead of over the same, and the width of
the passage way to be twentyfive feet, and the height to be
fourteen feet, and the parties have not been able to agree what
alterations are necessary. These petitioners, therefore, pray the
County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises
and determine whether any and what alterations shall be
made, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 29th day of June, A. D. 1840.

The Western R. R. Corp^y

By R. D. Morris, their Attor^y.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Westfield, having read the
within Petition hereby agree to waive all notice, and
consent that the Commissioners shall view the premises,
and determine on said petition, on the second day of
July next, at 12 O'clock M. and hereby waive all error on
account of short notice or otherwise. June 29th 1840.

David Mosley.

Hiram Harrison

Salmon Consign

Selectmen of Westfield

Respectfully July 2^d 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County, having, on
his second day of July, A. D. 1840, met the parties interested
in the foregoing petition in the premises, described therein,
to wit, David Mosley, Hiram Harrison, Salmon Consign
and Samuel Sherman, Selectmen of the Town of Westfield,
on behalf of said town, and the Western Rail Road Cor-
poration by R. D. Morris, Esq. their attorney, all excep-
tions on account of errors, short notice, or otherwise, being
waived by said Selectmen, as appears by the foregoing
certificates in writing, and signed by three of said Selectmen
and having fully viewed and examined the said pre-
mises, and heard the said parties and all others who de-
sired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition
said Commissioners are of opinion that common con-
venience and safety of the public travel will be best promo-
ted by the erection of a Bridge on the line of said Rail
Road, and over said Highway at the crossing place
mentioned in said petition, and that the Public travel
should pass under instead of over said Rail Road,
at said crossing, along and upon the common
highway aforesaid. And said Commissioners do
adjudge and so report in the premises, to wit, that said
Western Rail Road Corporation be required to construct
a good and sufficient bridge upon the line of the said
Road at the crossing place aforesaid for the conve-
nience, accommodation and safety of the public travel
upon said common highway, and under said Bridge,

The said Bridge to be located within the limits of said highway, and where the public travel will be best accommodated in passing to and from the new bridge above the Mills, and the old Fordway below said Mills, and as the same privileges have heretofore been used and enjoyed. The passage way or road under said Rail Road bridge to be of the dimensions following, to wit, eighteen feet wide, in the clear, between the abutments of said bridge and eleven feet high in the clear, measuring from the common bed of the road, under the bridge; and said corporation are required to grade the road leading to said crossing place, in a suitable and workmanlike manner All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Seal }
Gideon Stites Seal } County Comm^s
John Ward Seal }

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

W. R. C. Corp.
Sd. to Corp.
Damages for
materials removed
in Chester in
land of John
Sisk.

To the Hon the board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petitioners of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road in the town of Chester in said County, and for the purpose of procuring earth, stone, gravel and other materials for the proper construction and security of said Rail Road it is and may be necessary to take the same from lands of John Sisk of Chester, in said County of Hampden lying on the southerly side of the Springfield river, southerly of David Sisk's house, without the limits of their tract, and within the limits of their charter. That said petitioners have not been able to obtain the same from said Sisk by voluntary agreement with him. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages sustained by the said Sisk thereby, according to law.

Witness at Springfield this fourth day of July A. D. 1836

The Western Rail Road Corp^s

By R. B. Morris, their atty.

To John Sisk, of Chester in the County of Hampden

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Chester, in said County, and for the purpose of obtaining earth and gravel and other materials for the proper construction and security of the Road it has been and may be necessary to take the same from your land in Chester, without the limits of the road and within the limits of their charter, and between the River and the Rail Road which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands and materials by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to

view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, it was determined by you thereby. You are hereby notified, that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose, at your house, in Chester, on the 5th day of August next, at 4 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

His order

James W. Brooks, Chairman

Springfield, July 3rd A.D. 1840.

I certify that I have this day given to John Sisk a true and attested copy of the above July 13. 1840

R. B. Morris.

Thompson Sp. August 5th 1840 The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to John Sisk, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, sent the Sisk at his dwelling house in Chester, on the fifth day of August A.D. 1840 at 4 o'clock P.M. and also R. B. Morris the attorney of said Corporation and succeeded to view the premises described in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard the said Sisk and Morris fully in the premises, we have prescribed the limits within which earth, stone, and gravel and other materials for the purposes mentioned in said petition, may be taken; and we have set out the following described piece of Land, owned by the said John Sisk, for the said Corporation, to take therefrom earth and gravel, for the proper construction and security of their Rail Road, viz. a piece of Land lying near the South easterly end of said Sisk's Farm in Chester, adjoining the Rail Road, viz. Beginning on the North Easterly side of the Rail Road, against Station No 1259-50, of the Rail Road, and run Easterly at right angles to the Rail Road five and a half rods. Then North Westerly parallel to the Rail Road 231 feet then South Westerly at right angles five and a half rods to the Rail Road then South Easterly by the Rail Road 231 feet to the place of beginning, containing seventy seven Rods of Land. And we have appraised the damages occasioned by the taking thereof to said Sisk, at the sum of Ten Dollars and fifty cents, to be paid by said Corporation. James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius Wright, one of the Special Commissioners, on Summons, appeared and acted on said petition in the place of said Brooks.

All which is submitted.

Gideon Steles Seal

John Ward Seal

Lucius Wright

Seal

Seal Special Commis.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

W. R. R. Corp.
Pet. to be
dam. in alteration
of Chester Turnpike
and road of
John Sisk.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester in said County of Hampden upon and across the Chester Turnpike Road, where the said Turnpike Road interferes with the convenient location of their Rail Road, between the dwelling house of John Sisk, and the dwelling house of Samuel Sanderson in Chester. And Your petitioners have, thought proper, and with the consent of the said Chester Turnpike Corporation in writing, they have altered the course of said Turnpike Road, as follows, viz. Beginning by the Old Turnpike Road at a point bearing North $19^{\circ} 34'$ E. distant 68 feet from station 1287 1/4 of the Rail Road, and from thence crossing the Rail Road at right angles at the same grade therewith at station 1287 1/4, then curving and running Northwestly, on the south westerly side of the Rail Road, and adjoining thereto, 936 feet to the old Turnpike Road near the top of the hill, passing over lands of John Sisk and land conveyed to the Western Rail Road Corporation by Samuel Sanderson. And Your petitioners have located said Turnpike Road, as altered, four rods wide on the Southwesterly side of said line, as run. And your petitioners have not been able to obtain said land of John Sisk by voluntary agreement with him. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the damages, if any, sustained by the said John Sisk thereby, according to law, and determine in what manner said Turnpike Road shall be made.

Dated at Springfield, this first day of July A.D. 1840.

The Western Rail Road, Corp.

By R. D. Morris, their atty.

To John Sisk, of Chester, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Western Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the Town of Chester, in said County, so that the same is crossed by the Chester Turnpike Road, between the house of John Sisk and the dwelling house of Samuel Sanderson in Chester, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they have, with the consent of the Turnpike Corporation altered the course of said Turnpike Road as follows viz by turning the same more Southwesterly, crossing the Rail Road at the grade thereof, a little westerly of your barn and entering the old Turnpike near the top of the hill, east of Samuel Sanderson's so that the same, as altered, will pass over your lands and land of said Corporation, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by you thereby. You are hereby

ordered that the commissioners will meet for that purpose at their house in Chester on the 3rd day of August next, at 4 o'clock P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject. Per Order

James W. Brooks Chairman

Springfield July 3rd A.D. 1840.

I have this day given to John Sisk a true and attested copy of the above. July 13th 1840.

R. D. Morris.

Hampden Co August 5. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to John Sisk, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation, by giving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract on file, and hereto annexed, that the said Sisk and R. D. Morris, the attorney of said Rail Road Corporation, at the house of the said Sisk in Chester, on this fifth day of August A.D. 1840 at 4 o'clock P.M. The consent of the Chester Turnpike Trust having been heretofore granted for the abatement prayed for in said petition, and we proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and afterwards estimated the damages said Sisk will sustain by the abatement of said Turnpike remaining to the grantor of said petition, at the sum of Fifteen Dollars to be paid by said Corporation.

James W. Brooks, one of the County Commissioners was not present, and Lucius Wright, on demand, attended and acted on said petition.

All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles & Son } County Com.
John Ward & Son }
Lucius Wright & Son } Special Comms.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire V. Chapman & Co.

The undersigned inhabitants of Montgomery, represent that the road, as located by your Board in said Town last Term, may be altered from J. H. Allyn's old house and run back of his brick wall, and intersect the old road near an old brick mill, belonging to E. Sear, it being almost impossible to keep the old road passable in the winter. It therefore pray that you would recede forthwith and make the alteration proposed.

Montgomery June 23. 1840. James Nathan Chapman & Co.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph J. Allyn in Montgomery on Thursday the 27th day of August next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the

purpose of proceeding to such meeting to the purpose of said petition and after coming to know all persons and corporations interested therein and of the same shall be adjourned to be of common convenience and necessity to persons to locate the road proper for passing the persons interested objects to the same, and after coming to know all persons and corporations interested therein the interest of said persons.

Also, Resolved, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westchester Spectator, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be published seven days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said county be and Deputy Sheriff the Town Clerk of Westchester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereof thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff make return hereof with an abridgement to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crook, Chairman.
And this petition was returned to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows.

Hamilton July 10th 1844. I serve the Town Clerk of Westchester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.
C. E. Crook, Sheriff.

Shutlock just mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report ^{in writing} as follows.

Hamilton 2nd August 27th 1844. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set out in the foregoing column of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed in said County a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time, place and purpose of holding according to the provisions of law in that behalf and according to the provisions and requirements of the said order of Notice, and at the time and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises in said petition described and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that an alteration should be made in said road between the house of Joseph T. Allen, and the house of Mr.

agrees and to adjudge in the premises. And no person or corporation objecting to said alterations, and a new location adjudged necessary, notice was thereupon given to all persons and corporations then and there present, that said commissioners would forthwith proceed to locate and establish the alteration proposed for, and now adjudged of common convenience and necessity. Whereupon said commissioners proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration in the highway aforesaid, and accordingly established the same as follows, to wit:

Beginning, at the southwest corner post of Joseph T. Allyn's front door yard fence, we run S. 25° E. 15 rods 11 links, to an apple tree marked, in said Allyn's orchard, by his Cider miller. Then S. 39° E. 22 rods 6 links, to a Rock. Then S. 21° E. 11 rods to a rock on the East side of the road, as lately located by the commissioners, and laid the same three rods wide. (The line run is the east or left hand limits. And after locating the same, we heard all persons and corporations interested, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and assessed and allowed, damages as follows, to wit: To Joseph T. Allyn, the sum of Fifty dollars, \$50.00. No other person or corporation was injured by said location.

Said Road is to be worked in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner. The travel path to be 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches. All bridges to be built in a substantial manner. All rocks and large stones to be taken from the bed of the road, before it is formed, and in all other respects said road is to be constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of December next.

All which is submitted:

James W. Brooks	Dealt.	} County Commrs.
Gideon Stiles	Dealt.	
John Ward	Dealt.	

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alteration, established as a highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester.

The undersigned represents, that he is aggrieved. C. Stearns in the estimation of damages and allowance made him by the commissioners for his lands taken for a highway, on for restoring the 13th April A.D. 1840 in Springfield viz in extending of damages. Water Street, so called from Bridge Street to the Depot of the Western Rail Road. Therefore he prays that the County Commissioners would re-estimate said damages and allow him such further sum as in their opinion may be just and reasonable for his lands taken for said highway, by them located on the petition of Stearns.

Goodman and Samuel Reynolds, and others, on the said
13th of April, 1840.

Springfield, October 6. 1840

Charles Stearns.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting,
and the commissioners make their report in writing
as follows to wit,

Honorable Sir. At a meeting of the County Commis-
sioners, of said County, held at Springfield on the first
Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840.

In the matter of the foregoing petition of Charles
Stearns, praying for a further allowance and exoneration
of his damages, on the petition of Thomas Goodman
and Samuel Reynolds and others, as attorney and
agent to said Stearns for his lands taken for a road
located by said Commissioners in the petition of said
Goodman, Reynolds and others, said Commissioners
having heard the said Stearns and all persons and con-
servations interested, who desired to be heard upon the
subject of matter of the foregoing petition, and it ap-
pearing to said Commissioners to be just and reason-
able that a further allowance be made to said Stearns for
his lands so taken, we have accordingly recommended that
damages now due to said Stearns a further allowance
of Seventy five Dollars, amounting in the whole to the
sum of One Hundred Dollars to be paid to said Stearns
out of the Treasury of said County for his lands so taken
All which is submitted.

Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners
John Ward }

which Report, being read and considered, is accepted.

Chapman

Albert B. Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Town
of Springfield at his Dwelling on Main Street.

Roberts

Noah Roberts, Jr. is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield
at his new stand recently erected on Bond's Hill, so called, near the parking of the road
leading to Westfield & Northampton.

Miller

William Miller is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of
Springfield, at his House in Cabotville called the Tavern House.

The following accounts were reported, received and entered
to and out of the Treasury of the County of Hampshire viz

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" Henry Brown for wages for washing	11.17
" George Brown forundry labors &c	33.20

To James W. Brooks for Horse, attorney fees to	\$ 25.96
Seals & books for work to	4205
Charles & Bailey, Sims for Seal &	2255
William Rice for Seals	15000
James Dancy for Seals for Seal	5.25
Geo. H. Ballentine Binding books &c	6.34
State of 6 Records Sims for Seals	3.68
W. H. Merriam Stationery	12.94
James Chapin for Work	12.70
Seal Black Seal	734.68

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire Filed.

The undersigned represents that he has commenced and intends to acquire that he should be licensed to retail ardent spirits at his store in Blountville, and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Blountville for their certificate of approbation, in order to obtain a license, and that the Selectmen refused to approve him as a retailer of spirituous liquors, and feeling himself aggrieved at their refusal, he has given due notice to the said Selectmen that he should apply to the Commissioners for said license, whereupon he now asks that he may be licensed as a Retailer, as aforesaid.

December 1, 1870.

Sylvanus Wells

Which petition being read and considered, the Mayor of the Petition is granted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners, for the County of Kenton, Hampshire, Petition for a

These petitioners would respectfully represent that the better known & better known road requires a new road from near the house of Benjamin and William Converse, to the new bridge road, leading from Salmer to Mansfield; and to discontinue the old County Road from near said Converse, to the County road leading to Warren. Your petitioners therefore pray that you will issue the premises as soon as convenient, and establish the new road and discontinue the old road, as may be deemed necessary.

Given April 1871

Signed

John Benton Gathers.

This petition was entered in this Court, at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1871, at which meeting it was ordered that the said Commissioners meet at the house of Benjamin Converse in Salmer, on Friday the second day of October, next, at 3 O'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the manner of said petition and of so dividing the same as persons and corporations interested therein, and of the same State as directed to be of persons concerned and necessary, to proceed to locate the Road.

prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said petition.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hamiltonian Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of said County with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with this doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

Thomas H. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was returned to this court, and the Sheriff of said County in compliance of the within order, made his return as follows:

Hamilton N. Y. Aug. 31. 1890. I serve the Town Clerk of said County with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order it notice thereon, by serving the same to him and post up in two public places in said town, fourteen days before the time of said meeting, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

A. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hamilton N. Y. October 1st 1890. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a Newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, ~~and~~ place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf made at the time and place in said order mentioned, all which were published, as is required in said order, and proceeded to view a route for a Road according to the prayer of said petition, and having viewed the same, heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that a new road should be laid from near the town of said Benjamin and Henry, Southwesternly, to the County road leading from the Sedgwick Town to Warren; and that all that

part of said old County Road lying between the turn of the
turn, a few rods East of said Converse east barn, and the
said Warren Road near the house of Benjamin. Should be
discontinued, and said Commissioners to adjudge in the prem-
ise, and to report accordingly. And no person or corporation
appearing against said petition or objecting to the same said
Commissioners proceeded to discontinue said old road, be-
tween the terms above mentioned, and we have accordingly
discontinued the same. Since at the same time, we pro-
ceeded to lay out and establish a new road or highway
as follows viz

Beginning on the North side of the Road leading from
the Sedgwick Tavern in Palmer to Warren, at a stake and
stones, and run thence N $30\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 46 rods (crossing the new
road from Palmer town to Barnfield) to a stake and stones;
thence N $8\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 23 rods to the old road, near the said
Converse east barn, the Southeast corner of said east barn
being in a line with the last mentioned course.

Said road is laid two rods wide for the first 33 rods, from
the place of beginning, to the top of a sand hill or knoll, and thence
residue is laid three rods wide. The line run is the westerly side
of the road, or left hand to travel.

We have allowed Benjamin and Warren Converse the sum
of Thirty Dollars, as damages for their lands taken for said
road. No other person or corporation was injured by said
location. Said road is to be made 16 feet wide for road
path, exclusive of ditches, and to be finished and made in a
substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of
the County Commissioners on or before the first day of August
next. In the absence of a Special Commissioner, Lucius
Knight, on account of sickness, John Ward, a County Com-
missioner, although an inhabitant of Palmer, where said road
is situated, acted on said petition, as the law in that behalf
provides. All which is submitted.

James W. Corbett Seal of County
Gideon Stiles Seal of Commissioner
John Ward Seal

Where said being read and considered is accepted, and the
Road established as and for a Highway, and the same discontinued

Elisha Converse Jr. is Licensed as an Innholder in the Warren
Town of Palmer.

Attest: Dec. 3, 1840. All matters not acted upon
are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without
day. John J. Jewell, Clerk.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, being the twenty second day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, and from day to day to the 3d day of said month; and by adjournment on the 6th day of January A.D. 1841, and from day to day to the 9th day of said month.

By

James Brooks Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } Commissioners
John Ward Esq. }

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
at their meeting, in December, 1836. Hampden Co
Law Library

The Petitioners of the Hampden County Law Library, respectfully represent, that the room where the Library is kept, is small and inconvenient, and not provided with suitable shelves, and there are no means of warming the same. Therefore they request that some suitable provision may be made in their behalf.

By

A. A. Chapman, Committee.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A.D. 1836, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned respectfully represent, that the public convenience and necessity require the opening of a new route for the public travel from the West and its vicinity to the Southern part of the County of Berkshire; They therefore pray that you would proceed to view, and locate and establish a new highway from the County road in Granville, at or near the dwelling house of Horatio Parsons, to the line of the County of Berkshire, at or near the point where the present road from East Granville to East Otis crosses the County line; or if the Commissioners should deem it expedient, they pray, for an alteration in such parts of roads between the termini and the laying out of such part of the new highway above prayed for, as will make a direct and as near as may be, a legal highway between the points above mentioned; or to make any such alterations in the existing highways between the termini as the public convenience shall seem to require; and to discontinue such parts of said highways as may be found unnecessary.

Signed

Volney Snow & others

Dec 20, 1838

V. Snow & al
petition for
Road in
Granville and
Blandford

The foregoing petition was entered in the Court at a meeting of the County Commissioners held on the Second Tuesday of April A. D. 1834. At which meeting it was ordered that said petition be read at the house of Henry Chase in Danvers on Wednesday the 5th day of June next, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, consider, and determine upon the prayer of said petition and also meaning to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and it is the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and meeting to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and as to location to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

And it is further ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be printed seven days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, send the Town Clerks of Westfield, Danvers, and Bradford with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, respectively, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Commission of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

JAMES M. CROOKS Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the first Tuesday of Oct. A. D. 1834. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden P. April 2^d 1834. I have served the Town Clerks of Westfield, Danvers and Bradford, each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and a copy of notice thereon, by giving them a each copy of the same and on the same day posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz:

Hampden P. June 5th 1834. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by the publication of a copy of said petition, in a newspaper printed in said County, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting according to the provisions of laws in that behalf made according to the terms of the foregoing order

to publish an abstract of the same and place mentioned in
said petition and directed to view the business described in said
petition, and having viewed the same and heard the evidence of
persons interested, who seemed to be united upon the subject matter
of said petition more or less, that common convenience and
necessity required that a new highway be established and laid
from near the house of said J. J. J. to near the house of
J. J. J. so called and from there to near the house of
J. J. J. and that certain alterations and repairs be made
on his roads in the town of Granville and Mansfield, West-
bury of said New, and so **adjudged** accordingly.

The which is intended.

JAMES H. BROCK
Highway Commissioner
John Ward

Said petition being read and considered is accepted and the
road adjusted of common convenience and necessity.

And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the
first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840. at which meeting,
it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house
of J. J. J. in Granville, on Wednesday the 18th day of
November next at 2 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose
of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said
petition and after locating, to hear all persons and cor-
porations interested upon the subject of damages. And
that notice be given to all persons and corporations inter-
ested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of
said petition and a notice of the time and place, and
purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the
Hampden Post and Springfield Republican, newspapers
printed in said County, the last publication to be four-
teen days at least before the time of said meeting. And
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or
his deputy, deliver the Town Books of Granville and
Mansfield, with an attested copy of said petition and
the order thereon, thirty days at least, and past up in
two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract
containing the substance of said petition fourteen
days at least before the time of said meeting, the
Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his
doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or
before the time of said meeting.

JAMES H. BROCK, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this term and the
Sheriff of said County in compliance of the foregoing order
made his return, as follows, viz:

Hampden, Oct. 21st 1840. I served the Town Books of
Mansfield and Granville with an attested copy of the peti-
tion aforesaid and made up return hereon, by delivering to

same petition. I should be in due notice in case of said
 same petition, containing the substance of said petition was
 made public at least before the time of making said petition.

And now, at this meeting, the board of commissioners, and the
 board of selectmen, as follows:

Resolved for November 18 1840. The County Commissioners
 of said County having given notice to all towns and com-
 missions in said County, in the following petition, in answer to
 said petition, return of the Sheriff of said County,
 and also by publishing in two newspapers printed in said
 County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance
 thereof, all of which notices were served and published ac-
 cording to the provisions of law in that behalf, and according
 to the provisions, terms and requirements of the law in refer-
 ence to the time, place and purpose of the meeting
 met at the time and place in said petition mentioned,
 and as published in said abstract, and in order to lay
 out and establish a highway in the town of Granville, as
 follows, to wit.

Beginning at a Chestnut tree on the southerly side of
 the Highway, called North Sand Road, a few rods westerly of
 the house occupied by Samuel F. Reed, and run thence
 S. $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 13 rods and 15 links, to a Rock, with a pile of
 stones thereon; thence S. $55\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 8 rods and 16 links to a small
 maple; thence S. 24° E. 19 rods to a Hemlock; thence S. $88\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E.
 9 rods and 2 links to a Chestnut tree; thence S. 80° E. 6
 rods and 10 links to a Hemlock; thence S. $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 10 rods
 and 7 links to a maple, near the Saw Mill road; thence
 S. $63\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 10 rods, 16 links, to a large Hemlock, being a
 bound between land of Elijah Sibley and J. C. Tiltonson
 thence S. $60\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods and 10 links, to a large Chestnut.
 thence S. 31° E. 6 rods 20 links, to a small Chestnut a
 few feet westerly from a great rock; thence S. 26° E.
 28 Rods to a large Chestnut, on land of James Noble
 thence S. 21° E. 15 Rods 11 links, to a Chestnut; thence S. 24° E.
 23 Rods, to a tall Chestnut, then S. 21° E. 11 rods 10 links to
 a large Chestnut, on the hill side; then S. 22° E. 6 rods
 15 links to a small Walnut tree; then S. 15° E. 28 Rods, to a
 Chestnut in said Tiltonson's rye field; then S. 32° E. 7 rods
 to a stake on a stump; then S. 58° E. 4 rods 18 links, to
 a stake and stones on the side hill in said Rye field
 and northerly from a brook; then S. 72° E. 32 rods to a
 small maple on the westerly side of the road leading
 from Westfield to East Granville, northerly of the
 Farnsworth place, so called.

The line run is the northerly side, or left hand
 limits of the road. And we have established the
 same as a public Highway, four rods wide. The
 length of line being 250 rods.

The owners of lands here, by their release, in writing, and in file, in this case, relinquished all claims to damages: and no damages are allowed or expected. Until the first day of May next, the owners of the ground of land to remove wood, timber, and other obstructions from the location.

In the construction of said road, the following particulars are to be observed: The travel path is to be 18 feet wide, in the clear, exclusive of ditches, bank and capacious ditches, and to be made at least 18 inches averaging. Before the road is formed, all stones and stumps are to be dug out and removed; all hills are to be properly leveled down, and all low and wet places raised; and the entire road is to be brought as near to an easy and uniform grade as may be practicable; and in no case is the grade to exceed three degrees elevation with the horizon. All bridges and ditches are to be built and covered with stone, in a substantial manner. On side hills, the road is to be made as near the lower side of the location as may be practicable. In all other respects, said road is to be constructed in a comfortable, safe and substantial manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of October next. And we have estimated the cost and expense of construction at the sum of four hundred and thirty seven dollars; and have allowed the town of Tipton One Hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid out of the County Treasury. And our report shall be presented to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

All which is submitted

James H. Corbett

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Highway established as and for a public highway.

To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire Vermont:
The undersigned Inhabitants of Holland in said County petition for leave to represent, that the road leading from the Village of Holland in said Holland is hilly, sandy and circuitous; and that a way commencing at the forks of the road, a few rods east of said Village, and passing through the land of David Church, William Wilder, and others, in a North Easterly direction, intersecting the now travelled road, at the foot of the hill north of the meeting house would save the hills, distance, &c. Therefore your petitioners desire that your Board would view the premises, and make such alterations and improvements as in your opinion public convenience requires; and as a duty bound shall ever pray
Signed
Holland June 24, 1837.

Leopoldus Gould & John

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the county commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of January 1839 at which meeting it was ordered, that said commissioners meet at Minors Hotel, in Holland on Tuesday the 21st day of September next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience, and necessary to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.

Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition with this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said county, the first publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon lying days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return thereof, with his charge to the Chairman of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was confirmed at the meeting of the county commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October 1839 and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to-wit:

Holland Aug 25 1839. I served the town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting, the county commissioners made their report in writing, as follows to-wit:

Resolved 1st September 24 1839. The county commissioners of said County having given notice, as the law directs to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice in the law courts and according to the foregoing order as therein set forth, stating the manner of publication, and the times, place and purpose of the meetings, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, and as published with said copy, and proceeded to view the premises described

in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard therein, we were of opinion that certain conveniences and necessity required specific repairs and improvements in the road as described in said petition, and that no other terms are necessary, and so adjudge in the premises.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crocker,
Gideon Stiles } County Commissioners.
John Ward

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity;

And this petition is continued from meeting to meeting, to the meetings of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Kinney in Holland, on Wednesday the 9th day of December next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Hampshire Post, or Hampshire Patriot in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meetings. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Oct. 21. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. December 9th 1840. The County Commis-

Commissioners of said County having given legal notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as also by the publication of an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof in a Newspaper printed in said County, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, according to the requirements of law, and the meeting was thereon set forth, met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract, and proceeded to direct and order certain improvements and specific repairs in said road between the west side of the brook near Tullis' Factory and Kimney's Tavern in said County: it appearing to said Commissioners that a change of location in said road was unnecessary. The improvements and repairs ordered and directed are as follows, to wit:

The brow of the hill, in front of the Congregational meeting house, is to be hauled down, or reduced, for about ten rods east of the present brow of the hill, and in such manner as not to injure or impede the passing to and from said meeting house: and the ground between the road and meeting house is to be properly staked, and the travel path in ascending the hill is to be hardened with loam or gravel. The Road is to be repaired between the school house and said Tullis' house, by hauling down hills and knolls. The bridge near the Factory is to be made 18 feet wide, and constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner. In all other respects, said road is to be worked and repaired in a substantial and permanent manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the fifth day of August next.

All which is submitted.

James H. Crocker, Clerk } County
John Ward } Clerk

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the improvements and repairs established as a public highway.

A. B. Lyman et al. To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of
Sullivan in said County. We the undersigned, would respectfully
petition for a road, that the road leading from Carley Crook's through
the centre of the town of Leicester, to Middlefield is hilly
and circuitous, and we think that public good requires
that there should be alterations made in a new road
and some part of the way. Your petitioners would
therefore pray that a view of the said road, and other
routes be taken by your honorable board, and such im-
provements and alterations made, as you may think proper.

(Signed)

A. B. Lyman & others

Witness, June 10th 1834.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of
October, A. D. 1834, at which meeting it was adopted that

That said Commissioners meet at the House of Percy Cook in
Chester on Friday the first day of November next, at 9 o'clock in
the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the
prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and
Corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged
to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate
the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place
of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the
subject of damages.

Also Ordered, That notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of
said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively
in the "Hampden Post", a newspaper printed in said County,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before that
time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the
Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town clerk of
Chester, with an attested copy of said petition and this order
thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places
in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said
petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meet-
ing. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with
his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or
before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1837.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the
foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 1. 1837. I served the Town clerk of Chester
with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice
thereon, by leaving the same at his dwellinghouse; and also
posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, con-
taining the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners
made their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Nov. 1. 1837. The County Commissioners of
said County having given due and legal notice to all
persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition
as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said
County, as well as by the publication of a copy of said
petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating
the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in a news-
paper printed in said County, according to the provisions of
law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in
said order of notice, met at the time and place in
said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the same
and heard all persons and corporations interested therein
who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof.
Said Commissioners were of opinion that common

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"convenience and necessity require, that certain alterations, improvements
and specific repairs should be made, as prayed for in said petition,
between the termini therein mentioned, and so adjudge in the premises
-all which is submitted,

James H. Brooks }
Gideon Hiles } County Commissioners.
John Ware }

Which report being read and considered is accepted; and
the alterations, and repairs adjudged of common convenience and
necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting
of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday
of June, A. D. 1840, ^{and by adjournment in the first day of September A. D. 1840} at which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners meet at the house of Louis Stevens in Chester, on
Tuesday the 2nd day of October next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon,
for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer
of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and
corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that
notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said
petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice
of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three
weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed
in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that
the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk
of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition and this
order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public
places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance
of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of
said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return
hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners
at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Brooks, Chairman;

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And
the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order, made his return as follows viz.

"Hampton sp. Sep. 5. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of
Chester, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid,
and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him
and also posted up in two public places in said Town
an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting, the County Commissioners made this
Report in writing as follows, to-wit:

Hampton sp. October 2nd 1840 The County Commissioners
of said County, having given notice to all persons and
corporations, interested in the foregoing petition, as appears
by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County,
as well as by the publication of an abstract of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, in a New-
paper printed in said County, according to the provisions

of law, in that behalf, and according to the directions and requirements
in the foregoing order the time, place, and purpose of the meeting,
as also the time and manner of publication, being in said abstract
and order particularly stated in conformity with the abstract
so published and the aforesaid order, met at the time and place
therein mentioned and proceeded to lay out, direct and order certain
improvements and specific repairs in the Highway mentioned in
said petition as follows to wit: The travel path of said road
on the steeped part of Cook's hill, so called, is to be turned back
a little to the right or easterly side of the road, and constructed
upon or near where the road was first made and the brow of
the hill at the turn of the road is to be hauled down and re-
duced as much as may be practicable and consistent with the
estimate of expense hereinafter mentioned. And other places in
said road, where the same is inconveniently narrow between
Cook's hill and the meetinghouse, are to be widened and properly
repaired. All mounds are to be constructed in a manner
that they may be passed over with ease and convenience. The
ditches and watercourses are to be thoroughly repaired in all
places where the water runs upon the road. In all other res-
pects, said road is to be worked and repaired to the acceptance
of the County Commissioners, by the first day of September next.

The expense necessary to be incurred in the improvements and repairs
of said road, we estimated at the sum of Two Hundred -
Dollars, and order that sum to be expended on said road in
improvements and repairs as aforesaid

All which is submitted

James W. Brooks }
Lydon Stiles } County Commissioners
John Warce }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
repairs and improvements established -

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
The Subscribers, Selectmen of Chester respectfully represent, That
by a Resolution of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, passed on
the 20th day of January, A. D. 1821, the County of Hampshire is
required to pay a portion of the expense for rebuilding and main-
taining, from time to time, a Bridge at Chester Village in said
County: that on the month of January last, said Bridge was
destroyed and carried away, and the expense of rebuilding said
Bridge, was estimated at the sum of \$477.14, and has been
repaid and rebuilt and the expense actually incurred
by said Town in and about rebuilding the same, amounts
to the said sum of \$477.14 - Therefore your petitioners pray
the County Commissioners to make such appropriation from
the County Treasury, to the town of Chester, on account of the
expenses so incurred, by said Town, as in your opinion
will be just and proper. And that you would appoint an
agent to attend to the expenditure of such sum as you may

Selectmen of
Chester, petition
for allowance
Bridge at
Chester Village

allow, and to examine the premises, according to the provisions, according to the provisions of said Resolves. And as in duty bound
witness my hand,
Charles Oct 1834,

Lease Stevens

Wm. Moore

Selection of Wheaton.

The foregoing action was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1834, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now the County Commissioners make their report on writing as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of said County, at Springfield, on the fourth Thursday of November in the Year Eighteen hundred and forty,

On the Petition, returned that the sum of Three hundred and thirty eight Dollars be paid to the town of Wheaton, out of the County Treasury, to reimburse said town, in part for expenses in rebuilding the bridge at Wheaton Village, according to the provisions of a resolve of the Legislature of this Commonwealth passed Jan'y 25. 1831, in relation to said bridge. The whole expense of rebuilding said bridge being estimated at the sum of four hundred twenty seven dollars and fourteen cents.

James W. Crockett

Widow Stiles

John Ford

County Commissioners.

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the Order established.

Selection of
Westfield Co.

for new Road
by the New Great
River bridge

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
The undersigned, Selection of Westfield, respectfully
for new Road represents, that on the petition of the Selection of said
by the New Great River, certain alterations were made, and established, in the
River bridge Road leading from Westfield to Northampton. The bridge plan,
for the Great River bridge, so called, by reason of such alterations,
was removed up the River to the Rocks on which is
established a mill-dam, lately owned by Maj. George Noble;
that an error has occurred in the report of the Survey of
said road, which, though not material in itself, may here-
after mislead in examinations of the lines of said road
as located on said Petition; that said petition was entered
before said Commissioners, and acted upon by them some
time in the Year 1834, and a new bridge is now in
construction on said new location; Your Petitioners, there-
fore, request the Commissioners to view the premises and
cause the line of said road to be run anew and estab-
lished with suitable monuments, according to the survey
of said Commissioners, when and where said alterations
were made and as said road was then and there estab-
lished, and also to make any further alterations that may
be thought necessary and expedient.

Chapman

David Mosley
William Harrison
Salmon Ensign
Ruswell Sherman
David Drake

Selectmen of
Westfield.

Westfield June 1. 1840.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was Ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of John Rogers, in Westfield, on Monday the 24th day of August, next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said Petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, is bound to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating, to hear, at said place, of meeting, all persons, and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said Petition by publishing a copy of said Petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Westfield Spectator a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said Petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks Chairman.

And this Petition was continued at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. where the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. July 17. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of the Petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said Petition.

A. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. August 24th. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing Petition in manner set forth in the foregoing, return of the Sheriff of said County and also by causing to be published in a newspaper printed

in said County, and copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, to published as aforesaid, and at the same time placed in said order mentioned and presented to view the road described in said petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that said road ought to be run out a new, and bounds and monuments established on both sides of the same; and that certain alterations should be made therein. And said commissioners do adjudge in the premises, and so report accordingly.

James N. Brooks

Vidimus Vides

John Ward

County Commissioners

Which report, being read and considered, is accepted and the same adjudge of common convenience and necessity. It is further ordered, that said commissioners meet at the House of John Rogers in Westfield on Monday the 3rd day of December next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages—also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Westfield Spectator, a newspaper printed in said County, the first publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

James N. Brooks, Chairman.

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows viz.

Westfield N. H. Oct. 31. 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him. I posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days

before the time of said meeting,

Calcutt Rice, Sheriff.

At which last meeting the County Commissioners made their Report, as follows, (viz)

Manassas, Va. Dec 3rd 1840. The County Commissioners, after said County having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County; as also by publishing an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of Law, and the requirements of the foregoing order in that behalf writ at the time, and place, and for the purpose in said order mentioned, and as published in said abstract, and proceeded to lay out, establish and run anew, said Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, as follows, to wit. Beginning at a stone monument on the southerly side of the Montgomery road, and at the Northwesterly corner of C. P. Mallory's barn lot, and on Course of bearing S. 21° W. 4 rods and 12 links, from the Southeasterly corner of Ira Leonard's Iris brick House; thence from said monument S. 47° W. 29 Rods 21 links to a Stone Monument; thence S. 32 3/4° W. 23 rods to the Northwesterly river corner of the wing of the most northerly abutment of the New Bridge; a large Elm tree standing 2 rods 20 links from said abutment corner; and on a bearing or course N. 34 3/4° W. from said corner; thence across the river S. 19 1/4° W. 28 Rods 12 links, to the most northerly stone fence post of a house lot, or door Yard fence, belonging to Hiram Hull, and about 3 feet southerly of said Hull's new wharfing or embankment; and thence for said road is laid three rods wide; and the line run is the westerly or right hand limits; thence S. 25 1/4° W. 13 rods 25 links to a stone monument, near the north east corner of Herman Gackett's door yard fence. And all the land lying between the last mentioned course and the old road leading to the old bridge place, is taken and established as Highway; the same being a triangular piece of Land, and the river being the Northerly side of said piece and bounding the same. And said road, as above described, is established as and for a Highway, according to said new running; reserving to the owners of the mills, all the rights and privileges that were reserved when this road was first laid and established by the County Commissioners, in the Year 1839. Said road having been heretofore worked and finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners and now, after hearing all persons and Corporations upon the subject of damages, who desired to be heard thereon; — and no damages being claimed.

same are attached, and same road is hereby accepted and approved.

All which is submitted.

James M. Green, & Son } County Comm.
Gideon Stiles }
John H. H. }
H. H. }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as and for a public Highway.

At Jones and
Petition

for descent on Springfield, leading from Boston Road, near Mass. Swamp, of 12th ad. northwesterly in a crooked and circuitous route, to the old Bay road, crossing the same, and running thence, to near the old Paul Lee Simon's place, so called, is unnecessary, and ought to be discontinued or laid anew, or altered, to the end that it may be of some use or benefit to the public or to individuals. Wherefore Jones petitioners pray the commissioners to view the premises, and make such adjudication thereon as may be deemed meet, and proper and for the good of all concerned.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Harpsden

Signed J. H. Jones & others.

June 15. 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the 3rd day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the Road prayed for; provided all persons interested object to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place, of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will also return home with his deings to Gideon Stiles one of said

Commissioners, it is before the time of said meeting.

James M. Crocker, Commissioner.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. Dec. 22 1846. I delivered the Town Clerk of Springfield an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, and also had it put in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff.

At which last meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. Dec. 2. 1846. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition in a Hampshire Journal in said County, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting therein directed, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf and according to the requirements in said order of notice mentioned and published accordingly; met at the time and place in said order mentioned and succeeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition; said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity did not require that said old road should be discontinued and kept open as a public way; but that the same ought to be discontinued. And therefore, no objection being made by any person or corporation, to the discontinuance of the same, said Commissioners accordingly adjudge that said old ^{way} road be, and the same is hereby discontinued. No damages being claimed none is allowed. James M. Crocker, one of the County Commissioners, an inhabitant of Springfield, did not act in this case; and Lucius Wright, a Special Commissioner appeared and acted on said petition, in the place of said Crocker.

All which is submitted.

Western States } County Commrs.
John Ward }
Lucius Wright, Special Commr.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the road discontinued.

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Petition
in Change
of Road
in Chester.
To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners for the County
of Hampshire

The petition of the Western Rail Road Corporation humbly represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road through the Town of Chester, in said County and that the Highway leading from the Dwelling house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, to the Bridge near Daniel Root's in Middlefield, interferes with the location thereof; and for the greater facility of crossing said Rail Road and for the security thereof, they have thought proper to change the location of the said highway near the Dwelling house of Elijah Huntin, by turning the same a little more easterly, near the house of said Huntin, and crossing the Rail Road nearly at right angles, and passing on the easterly side of the Rail Road, and parallel and adjoining thereto, and to enter the old Highway near the southerly end of Lot of Daniel Bigelow passing upon land of said Elijah Huntin, and land of Daniel Bigelow. Wherefore your petitioners pray the said Commissioners to direct in what manner said highway shall be made, and make location of the same; and do all things relative to the same required by Law.

Dated at Springfield the 27th day of October A.D. 1840

The Western Rail Road Corp^y

By R. D. Morris, their atty.

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Chester, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing petition and consent that the location of said Highway may be made as prayed for in said petition, and hereby give notice, and consent that said Commissioners shall adjourn at their next regular meeting to be holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December next.

Oct. 27th 1840

Plabas Kyle

R. L. Brooks } Selectmen of Chester
Saml Henry }

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire,

The subscribers, owners of lands upon which the Western Rail Road Corporation have changed the location of the County road, leading from Isaac Stevens in Chester to Daniel Root's in Middlefield, hereby certify that we waive all claim for damages, and consent to said location, and signify that said location may be accepted by the Commissioners their next regular meeting, and give notice to us.

Nov. 4. 1840

Witness R. D. Morris

Elijah T. Huntin

Daniel Bigelow

Hampden Co. October 27th 1840 The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscribers, Chairman of the County Commissioners of said County, it is ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Court House at

Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December next at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon, the same being the next regular term of said
Commissioners, then and there to act on said petition; and it is
also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the Selectmen
of the town of Chester, and also to Daniel Bigelow and Elijah
Hunter, of the promoters of said petition, previous to the time
of said meeting, by serving them respectively with an abstract
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order
thereon. And the said Western Road Road Corporation as
principals, and R. S. Morris, as surety, appear and recognize
to the County of Hampden, in the sum of Two hundred Dollars
each, conditioned to save harmless the said County from
all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

James W. Crocker, Chairman

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of said County, at the Court House in Springfield, on
the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1840. In the
matter of the foregoing petition and order passed thereon;
it now appearing to said Commissioners that full and suf-
ficient notice has been given to the Selectmen of the town
of Chester, and to Daniel Bigelow and Elijah Hunter, named
in said petition; all which appears by the foregoing certificate
of the said Selectmen, and persons above named, waiving
the notice required by said order; and a view of the
premises being deemed by said Commissioners inexpedient
and not required by any person or corporation interested
in said petition; it is here determined that a view of the
premises is unnecessary, and that a hearing and adjudi-
cation on said petition be now had.

And now at said meeting, no person or corporation
desiring to be heard, or appearing to object to the alter-
ations prayed for in said petition; and the several
owners of lands, and the town of Chester, by their Se-
lectmen, consenting to said alterations, we have alter-
ed and established the same, as prayed for in said
petition, and according to the plan and survey here-
unto annexed.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crocker } County
Gideon Steles } Commissioners
John Ward }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Ordered That Justice Willard and James W. Crocker be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer

William M. Hays is licensed, as a Retailer in the Town of Springfield, in the Store of A. Chase in State Street.

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Earl

George S. Earl is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Springfield, at the house next East of the Town Hall

Sease.

Symon Sease is licensed as a Retailer at his Store East side of Main Street, by the Rail Road Depot in Springfield

Glover.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden Petatiah Glover, of Wilbraham, in said County represents, That public convenience requires that he should be licensed as a Retailer of Spiritous liquors, at his Store in said Wilbraham, near the Dwelling House of Thomas Glover, and that he has applied to the Selectmen of said Town for their certificates of approbation, in order to obtain said license; and that they have unanimously refused to grant said certificates; and that he has solicited said Selectmen that he should apply to the Commissioners at this time for a license. Wherefore he now asks the Commissioners to grant him a license as aforesaid.

Dec. 22nd 1840

Petatiah Glover

Which petition being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Howell.

Henry Howell, of Wales is licensed as a Retailer at his Shop, near his Dwelling House, in said Wales.

Perkins

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The petition of Edwin F. Perkins respectfully represents, that the Selectmen of West Springfield have unreasonably neglected and refused to approve said Edwin, as an Innholder in said Town. Your petitioner therefore prays, that a license be granted him by this Court, as Innholder as aforesaid in the house now occupied by Isaacson Perkins

Edwin F. Perkins

By his attorney, Wm. W. Towne.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the Petitioner is granted.

Putnam

Elihu Putnam is licensed as a Retailer in Westfield

Upson

Sturges Upson is licensed as an Innholder in the town of Westfield

Jes.

Theron Jes is licensed as a Retailer and common Victualer in the town of Hampell

Accounts

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be out of the Treasury of the County

of Hampshire, 1841	
Frederick Lumber Works & Co. of Hallowell	9. 08
Howell Lumber	. 58
David Mosley	. 38
John Larkins	. 58
Lyman Smith	. 58
Frederick Sherman	. 62
Amasa Parsons County Court	27.00
John Mosley Lumber	2.00
Justice David W. Wells Treas. of	5.00
John H. Cook " " & County County estimate	5.00
Augustus L. L. Lumber	17.00
John H. Larkins as Agent	10.40
L. H. Larkins the printing, advertising &c	42.07
L. Bowles	47.79
L. H. Larkins	3.33
L. H. Larkins & Co. Lumber	2.44
L. H. Larkins printing &c	2.25
L. H. Larkins prisoners	2.42
at Larkins for hand L. Wells for records for Larkins	4.00
M. R. Larkins as Treasurer at Larkins for 1840	20.00
John Larkins, Larkins going to Boston Larkins with Larkins	14.50
Justice Larkins Larkins Larkins	10.66
M. R. Larkins Larkins Larkins	9.14
John Larkins Larkins Larkins	14.72
L. H. Larkins Larkins Larkins	33.54
Larkins & Larkins Larkins Larkins Larkins	3.13
L. H. Larkins Larkins	8.05
M. R. Larkins Larkins Larkins	14.12
Thos. Larkins Larkins Larkins	5.00
Larkins & Larkins Larkins Larkins	22.00
John Larkins Larkins Larkins	20.79
Larkins Larkins Larkins Larkins	
James Larkins Larkins Larkins	11.00
Larkins Larkins Larkins Larkins	1.00
Larkins Larkins Larkins Larkins	33.52
Amasa Parsons, Larkins Larkins	6.00
Larkins Larkins Larkins Larkins	6.00

Henry Brown is appointed clerk, until the meeting be
 called, and then to the faithful discharge of the duties of
 clerk, before said commissioners.

Hampshire Co. Nov. 9th 1841 All matters not acted upon
 are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned
 without day.

Attest

Thos. Brown, Clerk H. C.



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

April 1840

Hampden Co.

At the Meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April, being the thirtieth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and to the twentieth day of said month; and by adjournment on the twentieth day of said month, and from day to day to the twenty third day of said month.

By

James W. Brooks, Esq. Chairman
Gideon Stiles Esq. } County Commissioners
John Ward Esq. }

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Your Petitioners would respectfully represent. That whereas the bridge, which formerly crossed the west branch of the Westfield River (it called) near the house in which Simeon Snow now lives in Chester, was carried off by a flood, in January 1839, and the Western Rail Road Corporation, having built their said rail road into the river at the place where said bridge formerly crossed, so that your petitioners deem it a very unsafe place for a bridge; and the western rail road Co. having determined on the establishment of a Depot for their said road on the plain near the house of Nathan Root in said Town; Therefore, we, your petitioners respectfully request your Hon. Board to order said petitioners, and lay a road as the public good shall require, from said Root's house, or from the termination of the town road near said Root's house, and continue the same down the river to some crossing place opposite E. Hubbard's land; and from said crossing place to the Depot of the Western Rail Road Co.; thence crossing the river to the highway or Turnpike; and your petitioners pray that your Hon. Board order a Bridge laid across the River, at the aforesaid crossing place; and to discontinue the old road across the river, where the bridge is carried off, as in duty bound, &c.

(Signed) Edmund Hubbard & others
Chester, April 13. 1840.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Isaac Adams in Chester, on Wednesday the 20th day of May next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and

after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the same prayed for, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of Damages.

Also, ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Selects of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and past up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Corroth, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1840. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to-wit:

Hampden Co. April 20, 1840. I served the Town Selects of Chester with a true and attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also pasted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, to-wit:

Hampden Co. May 20th, 1840.

The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return, of the Sheriff of said County, and by having caused to be published in a Newspaper printed in said County, a true copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, and view, as set forth in said order, all which is according to the law in that behalf provided, met at the time and place mentioned in the foregoing order, so published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition. And having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations who chose to be heard upon the subject of matter of said petition, the further consideration of said petition and all adjudications thereon, are by

order of said Commissioners hereby continued and postponed to the next regular term of said Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of June next.

By order of the board

James W. Crook, Chairman.

Hampden P. County Commissioners meeting holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. and by adjournment on the first day of September A. D. 1840. And now said Commissioners, having further heard all persons and Corporations interested in said petition we are of opinion, that common convenience and necessity require the location of the road as prayed for in said petition; and that a new road or highway be laid out and established from the termination of said town road near the house of Nathan Root and running down the river on some convenient line between the Rail Road and river, to nearly opposite the east line of Hubbards land; and thence crossing the river to run southerly upon or near the east line of said Hubbards land to the present travelled road, a little easterly of Isaac Stevens tavern; and we do adjudge accordingly.

All which is submitted.

James W. Crook

Gideon Stiles

John Ward

} County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1840. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester, on Wednesday the 3^d day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings

to the Chairman of said commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz:

"Stamperden Jt. January 1st 1841. I serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him: and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz:

Stamperden Jt. February 3rd 1841. The County Commissioners having given notice persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused to be published in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, all which is set forth at large and required in the foregoing order, and said abstract being so published, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and the requirements set forth in said order: met at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish two pieces of new road in Chester as follows, viz:

Beginning at a small maple Tree on the north-
erly side of the Highway, on a course or bearing S.
55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. with the Southeast corner of Isaac Stevens's Tavern.
Thence from said maple, running N. 79 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° E. 48 rods to
a stake and stones; the said stake and stones being 5
rods 17 links from the southwest corner post of the
Depot Wood House, and on a course or bearing with
said post, S. 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° West; the road is laid three rods wide
and the line run is easterly or right hand side; and
in connection with the above location, the following
piece or section of the same road was laid viz:

Beginning at a stake and stones on the southerly side
of the above piece of road 27 rods from the above
named maple tree, and 33 links from the southwest
inside corner of the facing of the southerly wing of the
most easterly abutment of the new bridge: thence from
said stake and stones, N. 16° N. 9 rods 15 links to a large
chestnut tree marked; thence N. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 24 rods to a poplar
or alder tree marked, near the river bank; then N.
15° E. 10 rods 10 links to a stake and stones, at the termi-
nation of a town road, near the House of, Daniel
Root; and laid said last mentioned piece of road.

three rods wide, running on the left hand limits, or side next the river. After locating, we heard all persons and corporations, who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and we assessed and allowed damages, as follows, viz:

To Daniel Root, for his lands taken, and for fencing, we have estimated his damages at Fifty Dollars, no other person or corporation claimed damages, and no further damages were assessed.

The road and prices of road are to be built in a good and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of June next.

The Bridge across the river is to be built on stone piers and abutments, and finished in a substantial and workmanlike manner.

The road to be worked 18 feet wide, exclusive of the ditches. And whereas the rail road Corporation have agreed to defray a considerable portion of the expense of constructing said Bridge, and sundry individuals have agreed to build said road and pay all land damages, and fencing, that part of said road, that runs up the river to said town road, we have estimated the expense of said bridge over and above all contributions towards the same, by the Western Rail Road Corporation, at the sum of three Hundred Dollars: and we have allowed the Town of Chester one hundred Dollars, to be paid out of the County Treasury when said road and bridge shall be finished, to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks & Seal } County
Sideon Stiles & Seal } Comm'rs.
John Ward & Seal }

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the road established as a Highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, H. Root respectfully represents your petitioner that in the execution of the Petition for road near the house of Eliza Baylord in Westfield, by your Honorable Board, on the petition of the Town of Montgomery, about and Road forty rods of ground and twenty apple trees, most of which choice damage and select fruit, was taken, belonging to your petitioner; that in Westfield all of said apple trees will have to be cut down; that it will require more than forty rods of new fence; and that the whole amount of damages awarded was the sum of Thirteen Dollars; a sum not equal to the making the fence. Your petitioner therefore prays, that such further allowance may be made him as is just and reasonable.

Herman Root

Dated Westfield Mass 1840

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the foregoing petition, as on the original petition of the petition of the town of

Montgomery, and having considered the whole matter in relation to the same, are of opinion that the further sum of seven dollars be allowed said Root, in damages; making in the whole the sum of twenty dollars, as his damages for his lands taken for said road, and so adjudge in the premises and report accordingly.

All which is submitted.

Cyrus Hovey } County Commissioner
 Forbes Kyles }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted. —

B. Jencks & Co.
 Petitioners for
 Road in Wil-
 braham.

To the Hon. the board of county commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Sudlow and its vicinity respectfully represent, that the road leading from Falls Bridge, so called, to the Boston Road, near the Western Rail Road Depot in Wilbraham, is crooked and inconvenient for travellers desirous of taking the Rail Road Cars at the Depot; Your petitioners therefore pray the county commissioners, after due notice, to view the route and to straighten the old, and change the eastern part of the old road, and locate the same anew, by turning the same more southerly, that it may terminate at the Boston Road against the Rail Road Depot in Wilbraham.

Dated at Sudlow, this eighteenth day of June A. D. 1840.

(Signed) Bery Jencks & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A. D. 1840. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Depot of the Western Rail Road in Wilbraham on Wednesday the 30th day of September next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all petitions and communications interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no persons interested object to the same, and after locating, to meet at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Selects of Wilbraham, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said

meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his
return to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time
of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840.
And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order, made his return as follows, viz:

Hampton p. Aug. 31. 1840. I served the Town Clerk
of Wilbraham with a true and attested copy of the petition
aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same
to him, and also posted up in two public places in said
Town, an abstract, containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made
their Report, in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampton p. Sept. 30th 1840. The County Commissioners
of said County, having given notice to all persons and cor-
porations interested in the foregoing petition in manner
set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said
County, and also by causing to be published in a newspaper
printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with
the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place and pur-
pose of hearing, according to the provisions of law in re-
gard to such notices, and as is set forth and required
in said order of notice so published as aforesaid and re-
quired in and by said order of notice, met at the time
and place and for the purpose in said order mentioned
and proceeded to view the route for a road described
in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard
all persons and corporations interested in said petition, who desired
to be heard therein, said Commissioners were of opinion that com-
mon convenience and necessity require that an alteration should
be made in said road between Rutte Bridge and the
Wilbraham Depot, as prayed for in said petition; and that
a part of the old road may be discontinued after a new
road shall be established and opened, and do report accordingly
their adjudication in the premises.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks }
Gideon Stiles } County
John Ward } Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and
the alterations abovesaid adjudged of common convenience
and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December
A. D. 1840. At which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners meet at the Depot of the Western Rail Road in
Wilbraham on Sunday the 3^d day of March next, at 2 o'clock.

in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the town clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

JAMES W. CROOKS, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, makes his return as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. Jan'y 25th 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house. I posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

L. RICE, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. March 2^d 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing order of the Sheriff, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, according to the provisions of law in relation to such petitions and notices, which publication has been made, according to the foregoing order, and as required therein, met at the time and place, and for the purpose mentioned in said order, and in said abstract, so published, and proceeded to lay out, establish a piece of road or highway near the Wilbraham Depot, as follows, viz:

Beginning at a maple tree near a Spring of water, and run thence S. 39 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° E. 57 rods to a stake by the road opposite the Depot: the above line extended will strike the north westerly corner of the freight house of said Depot.

The road is laid three rods wide, and line run is the west or right hand limits.

After locating, we heard all who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, and we assessed and allowed damages as follows, viz:

To Nathan Stevens, Fifty Dollars.

The Springfield Manufacturing Company claim no damages on the line now run and agree to make the road free of expense to the town of Wilbraham.

Said road is to be constructed in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next. The pond hole on said Company's land, across which the road is located, is to be filled up, and the road here is to be brought to a grade with other parts thereof; and the high ground on Stevens' land is to be hauled down and brought to an easy grade. The Spring of water on or near Stevens' land is not to be injured or disturbed. The road is to be worked 20 feet wide, for travel path, exclusive of ditches. In all other respects, said road is to be worked and finished in a substantial and proper manner, by the time above mentioned.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Seal } County
Gideon Stiles Seal } Commissioners.
John Ward Seal }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a Highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden & Albany
The undersigned Citizens of Montgomery and Petitioners for Westfield, respectfully represent, that the public convenience demands a change of location in the County Road of Road in Montgomery, near the residence of Nathan Chapman in Montgomery, by running the said road on the North side of Hayes Hill; it being the natural and proper location for said road. And as Your petitioners are desirous of obtaining a good road through Montgomery, they trust that the Commissioners will give them all the advantages of the most favorable location. And especially as one of the important objects held in view in improving our roads was not only to avoid the steep ascent of Hayes Hill; but also to avoid the great cost of grading on the present location. They therefore pray your honorable consideration. And they are, pray, &c.

(Signed) David Allen, Junr & others
Montgomery June 1846.

The foregoing petition was entered at a

meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the 1st Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph H. Allen in Montgomery, on Monday the 23rd day of November next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering to whom, according to the purport of said petition and after mining, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the said project for; provided, no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Westfield Spectator a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Wednesday of December A. D. 1840.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Stamford p. Oct 17th 1840. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, viz.

Stamford p. Nov. 23 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose

of the meeting in a Newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice; and at the time and place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition should be granted, by an alteration of the old road between the houses of Jas. P. Allen and Nathan Chapman, and so adjudge and report in the premises.

John Hunt, one of said Commissioners, was absent, and Lucius Wright one of the Special Commissioners, acted in his stead.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks, County Comr.

Lucius Wright, Special Commr.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which last mentioned meeting in Dec. it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Stages Lapsom in Westfield, on Thursday, the 14th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively, in the Barnston Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.

And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Montgomery, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Brooks, Chairman

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of

the foregoing order made his return as follows viz

Hampden sp. Jan 1. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Montgomery with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

(G. Rice, Sheriff)

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners, made their report in writing as follows, viz.

Hampden sp. February 14th 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, and named in the within order, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, as is required by law, in such cases, which abstract, as also the within order, containing a notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting, so published in said abstract as required thereby, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and abstract, and proceeded to lay out and establish a piece of new road in Montgomery, as follows, viz

Commencing at the westerly bar post, near the corner of Joseph T. Allyn's land on the northerly side of the old road thence running N. 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W 9 rods on a line with said Allyn's wall, to the end of said wall; thence N. 38° W. 11 rods on Tho^s B. Avery's land, to a small apple tree marked; then on said Avery's land N. 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° W. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a fence; then on the same course 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake near the lower corner of a large oak; thence N. 46° W 4 rods to a stake; thence N. 71° W 4 rods to a stake; thence S. 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the south east corner of Nathan Chapman's door yard front fence. The line run is the right hand side of the road and the road is laid three rods wide. And we have established the same as and for a public highway. After locating said road and hearing all persons and corporations who chose to be heard on the subject of damages, we assessed damages to the owners of lands taken for said road as follows.

To Nathan Chapman for his land	Sixty dollars.	\$60.00
Joseph T. Allyn, one Dollar		1.00
Thomas B. Avery, twenty dollars		20.00

No other persons or corporations were injured by the location of said road, and no other damages were allowed

Said road is to be constructed in a skillful and workmanlike manner, by the first of July next.

The travel path is to be eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. All stones and stumps are to be dug up and removed, before the bed of the road is formed. The grade of the road is not to exceed three degrees

to the horizon in any place and the road is to be worked as near the north side of line as may be practicable. The fruit trees in Nathan Chapman's dooryard and garden, are to be preserved, as it will not be necessary to disturb them in the construction of the road. In all other respects said road is to be finished to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July next.

All which is submitted.

James W. Brooks Seal }
Gideon Stiles Seal } County Commissioners.
John Warr Seal }

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as and for a public Highway.

To the Honorable Commissioners in and for the County of Hampden.

We, Your Petitioners, believing that public convenience requires a new road partly in the town of Holland, and partly in the town of Barnfield, commencing at the end of the road between the house and barn of John Wallis in said Holland, thence running northerly through land of said John Wallis, Abner Webber and David Charles, until it intersects the new county road leading from Holland to Barnfield, in the most suitable place, to accommodate the travel from Holland to Barnfield; therefore we the subscribers, pray your honorable board to attend and view said premises and further do as you in your wisdom shall think public convenience requires.

Holland Oct. 5. 1840

Signed

John Wallis & others.

J Wallis & Co
Petition for
Road in
Holland and
Barnfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. D. Browning in Barnfield on Wednesday the 10th day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen

days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Town Clerks of Brimfield and Holland with ten attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns respectively, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crooks, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co Jan'y 5th 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him. & I also served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. I also posted up in two public places in each of the towns of Holland and Brimfield, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. A. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Hampden Co February 18th 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purpose of the meeting, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, as is fully set and required in said order so published, and at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned and required, and published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity did not require that a road should be located as prayed for in said petition; and said Commissioners so adjudged in the premises, and accordingly so report.

All which is submitted

James W. Crooks }
Gideon Stebbins } County Commissioners
John Ward }

which report being read and considered is accepted. And the petition aforesaid is Dismissed -

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Gent. We, Your petitioners would respectfully represent, that whereas the Town of Chester has been to the expense of Fourteen hundred and twenty ^{two} Dollars and thirty Cents in working and repairing the County road on the middle branch of the Westfield River exclusive of two sections which were worked by the Highway Surveyor of said Town, as ordered by your Hon. board; therefore, we Your petitioners, for and in behalf of the Town of Chester, respectfully request, that your Hon. Board, would estimate the expense of working said Road, and take into consideration the fact, that the road is more especially for the benefit of other Towns than the Town of Chester, and that we are very heavily burthened with roads and bridges; therefore, we Your petitioners, for and in behalf of said Town, respectfully request, your Hon. board to lay such part or portion of the expense of said Road upon the County, as your Hon. board shall deem just and proper, as we duly bound shall ever pray.

Chester
July 26 1840.

Isaac Stearns }
M. Moore }
R. L. Bromley }
Selectmen of
Chester

Selectmen
of Chester
Pet for
allowance
Middle
Road
Chester.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1841. And now said Commissioners, acting on the foregoing petition, and in view of the whole matter, do consider it just and proper, that an allowance should be made from the County Treasury, towards defraying the expenses of constructing said road, and we order that sum of One hundred dollars be paid to the town of Chester for the purpose aforesaid, as prayed for in said petition, and so adjudge in the premises, and report accordingly, said sum being less than one half the expense of constructing said road. All which is submitted.

Cyrus Knox }
James Kyle }
County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered, is accepted. -

To the Honorable board of Commissioners of Hampden County

Your petitioners would represent, That in the year 1839 upon the petition of the Selectmen of Westfield an alteration in the road, near and across the Great River in said Westfield, was made by Your honorable board, removing the location from below, to a point nearly on a line with the Mill dam, said alteration having

It will
Petition for
Reform of
damages

through my premises, and making the removal of my dwelling house and other buildings necessary, your petitioner would further represent, that your honorable board proceeded to assess the damages, and no doubt such damages as appeared to present at the time; but yet a much less sum than the actual damages to your petitioner; and now your petitioner asks that you will review the circumstances of the case, and award to him such damages as he has actually received.

Wiram Hull.

Westfield April 13. 1841.

Westfield April 12. 1841.

This is to certify, that it has cost me to move my buildings, and to fix them again, together with mending the fence, and in no better condition than before \$308.25 and for 1/4 of an acre of land, as it cost \$100. 465.25

Rec^d of the Treasurer by Commissioners order 335.00
70.25

Hampden sp. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April 1841

And now said Commissioners, acting as well on the foregoing petition as in re-estimation of damages on the original petition for laying out said road, are of opinion, that a further allowance should be made from the County Treasury, to said Hull in damages for his lands, and expenses by reason of said location, and do assess and allow the further sum of twenty dollars in addition to the amount he has already received; and so adjudge in the premises, and report accordingly. All which is submitted.

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Herbes Kyle }

Commissioners

Cyrus Knox and Herbes Kyle Esquires, who have been declared by the Commissioners duly elected County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, appear on this 13th day of April A. D. 1841. and are qualified by Jus Oliver B. Morris and Justice Willard Esq. Declaring Justices, and said Commissioners being so qualified, took their seats.

Marquis Convers Esq. Special County Commissioner was also sworn by the above Justices. April 14. 1841.

Attest

Rich^d Bliff Clerk

L. Jones.

As the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their session on the second Tuesday of April 1841.

The subscriber represents that on this day he applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as an innholder in said town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant.

Wherefore your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant

him a license as aforesaid.

Symon Jones.

Wilbraham, April 12. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is not accepted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, at
their Session on the second Tuesday of April. 1841. J. Baldwin

The subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as an innholder in said town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant, wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant him a license as aforesaid.

John Baldwin

Wilbraham April 10. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden at their Session on the second Tuesday of April. 1841. Mc Gray.

The subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as an Innholder in said town and seller of spiritous liquors, to be used in his house; which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant. Wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant him a license as aforesaid.

John Mc Gray

Wilbraham April 10. 1841

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. & Wolcott

The petition of Noah Wolcott, represents that he has applied to the Selectmen of West Springfield for an approbation as an Innholder in said town, which approbation said Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant. Wherefore Your petitioner prays this Hon. Board to grant him a license as aforesaid.

By his attorney

Wm. M. Towne.

Springfield, April 13. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered, is dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hamp. S. Glover
at their Session on the second Tuesday of April. 1841.

The subscriber represents that on this day he has applied to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an approbation to be licensed as a retailer of spiritous liquors at those stores now occupied by Petabiah Glover in said Wilbraham, and said Selectmen unreasonably refused and neglected to grant such approbation. Wherefore

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Your petitioner is aggrieved, and now requests the County Com-
missioners to grant him a license to sell Spices liquors, he
having given notice in writing to the said Selectmen, that
he should apply to your Board for such license, at this time
Preliminary. April 10. 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is accepted and
the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

B. Stowell

To the Hon. County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The undersigned, an inhabitant of the Town of Wales, in
said County, humbly represents to your Hon. Board, that he
has applied to the Selectmen of said Wales for a certifi-
cate preparatory to his obtaining a license to be a retailer
of Spices liquors in said town, as provided in the
4th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, and that the said Se-
lectmen have unreasonably refused to grant him such
certificate: whereupon he begs your honors to grant
him a license for the purpose aforesaid, notwithstanding
the refusal of the said Selectmen to grant the
said certificate: the granting of the said license being
required by the public good, as Your petitioner believes.
Dated at Springfield the 13th. Philip Stowell

day of April 1841. and Signed by Your petitioner,

which petition being read and considered, is dismissed.

C. Miller

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The subscriber respectfully represents, that he is an in-
habitant of Wales, in said County of Hampden: that for the
last ten years he has kept a public House in the Center of said
town of Wales: that there has been and is at present, no other
public house within the limits of said town; and that the
public good requires that he should be licensed as an Innholder
as usual: the Selectmen having unreasonably refused to ap-
prove his petition as an Innholder.

April 13. 1841.

Cornelius Miller.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted and
the prayer of the petitioner granted.

J. Perry

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden. The petition of John Perry, of Monson, re-
presents, that your petitioner made application to the Selectmen
of Monson, for an approbation as a Retailer of rum, brandy, &c.
in said Monson, and that said Selectmen unreasonably re-
fused to grant said approbation: that your petitioner gave
notice to said Selectmen that he should make application
to this Hon. Board for license as retailer as aforesaid.

John Perry

Wm. M. Towne.

By his attorney
Springfield April 13. 1841

which petition being read and considered is not accepted.

April 14th. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued
and this Meeting is adjourned to Tuesday the 25th day of April 1841.
Attest Rick Bliss, Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

Uzal Rockwell, one of the Special County Commissioners, Commissioner
was sworn before Oliver B. Morris and Justice Willard, Esquires,
Ordinary Justices, April 20th 1841.

Patrick Davis, Esquire, one of the County Commissioners,
was sworn before Oliver B. Morris & Justice Willard Esquires,
Ordinary Justices, April 20th 1841.

The persons so qualified, being present, except Patrick Davis, by Chairman,
proceeded to the choice of a Chairman of said board, and the
whole number of votes was four, Patrick Davis, Esq. had four and
was chosen.

Diamond Cotton is licensed as an Innholder in Longmead-Cotton
ow. at the House occupied by him.

Justice County Commissioners of Hampden County.

Burt.

Francis Burt of Longmeadow, in said county, represents
that he has hitherto been licensed as a retailer of spirituous
liquors and wines in his store, situated in the West Village of
said Longmeadow, and public convenience and necessity require
that said license should again be granted, and that he has
applied to the Justices of said town for an application for
said license, and they have unreasonably refused to grant
it, and he is aggrieved thereby. Therefore he prays the honor-
able Commissioners to grant him said license, said refusal to the
contrary notwithstanding.

By Geo. Sherman his attorney

April 20, 1841.

Francis Burt.

which petition being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the
petitioner granted.

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Rust.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Charles Rust of Southwick, in said County respectfully
represents, that he made application to the Selectmen of said
Town of Southwick, to be licensed as an Innholder in said
Southwick, at the Stand kept last year by James Johnson
and known and kept as a public house for the last fifteen
years but the Selectmen unreasonably refused to grant such
appropriation: but those petitioners believing that the public good
required that he should be licensed as aforesaid, gave notice
to the said Selectmen that he should apply to this Court
for license as aforesaid. He therefore prays, that he may
be licensed as an Innholder in said Southwick.

April 20. 1841.

Charles Rust.

Which petition being read and considered, is dismissed.

Chapin.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Daniel M. Chapin respectfully represents, that the public con-
venience requires that there should be a common retailer in
the Village of Babolville, in the Town of Springfield. He prays
Your honorable board that he may be licensed as aforesaid.

April 20. 1841.

Daniel M. Chapin.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted; and the
said Chapin is licensed as above, with authority to sell wine,
beer, and without authority to sell brandy, rum, or any other spiritous
liquors.

Miller.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
William Miller of Springfield represents, that public con-
venience and necessity require that he should be licensed as
an Innholder and seller of Wine & spiritous liquors, to be
used in and about his house, situated at Babolville in said
Springfield, on the new road leading to said Babolville &
called the "Connecticut River House"; and that he has
applied to the Selectmen of said Springfield for a certifi-
cate of appropriation for said purpose; and that they have
unreasonably refused to grant said certificate, and that
he is aggrieved thereby. Therefore he prays the Commissioners
to grant him said license notwithstanding said refusal
of said Selectmen.

April 20. 1841.

William Miller.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and
the said Miller is licensed as prayed for above, after the 23^d
inst. on condition that the Bowling Alley on the premises be
removed.

Gibson.

To the Hon. County Commissioners in and for the
County of Hampden

The subscriber represents, that it would be conducive
to the public convenience and interest, if he should be
licensed as a retailer of spiritous liquors, at his Store in

both Blanford, and that he applied to the Selectmen of Blanford for their approbation, in order to obtain a license therefor, and that the said Selectmen refused to give him their approbation and he feeling aggrieved by their refusal, gave them notice that he should ask of the said Commissioners, a license, for the purpose above expressed.

Dated at North Blanford, March 27, 1891.

Symon Gibbs.

Which petition being read and considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Francis Clark is licensed as an Innholder at the House lately occupied by A. H. Pease, Middle Granville. Clark

Timothy M. Cooley Jr is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Granville. Cooley Jr.

Timothy M. Cooley Jr is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville, at Elijah Seymour's House.

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Granville, at the house now occupied by him. Phelps.

Isaac Hardin is licensed as a Retailer in the Town of Hardin Granville, at his store.

Elijah Seymour is licensed as a retailer at his Store in Granville. Seymour

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder, at the Hawley stand in Russell. Hawley.

William Lindsay is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Blanford, at the House called the Rail Road House, near Chester Village. Lindsay.

Widow Elizabeth Beebe is licensed as an Innholder in this Town of Southwick, at her House. Beebe.

Enoch Doan is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Southwick, at the House occupied by him. Doan.

Jonas Parmenter is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Chester, at the House he now occupies. Parmenter.

Abigail Collins is licensed as an Innholder at the House occupied by her in Chester Village. Collins.

David Collins Jr is licensed as a Retailer of Spirits for medicinal purposes alone - at his Store in Chester Village. Collins Jr.

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Stevens

Spencer Stevens is licensed as an Innholder at Chester Locis, at his House,

Mooney

John Mooney is licensed as an Innholder, at his House at Chester Locis

Whitman

Symon Whitman is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store in Agawam Parish, West Springfield

Palmer

Marcus M. Palmer is licensed as an Innholder, at the House he now occupies in W. Springfield

Crafts

Charles Crafts is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish, W. Springfield

Parkins

Edwin P. Parkins is licensed as an innholder at his House in West Springfield

Dwney

Silas Dwney is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store in Dedding Hills Parish, W. Springfield

Palmer

Herbert Palmer is licensed as an innholder at his Stand in Dedding Hills Parish, W. Springfield

Woolcott, 2^d

Abner Woolcott 2^d is licensed as an innholder, at the House recently erected on Pond's Hill, in West Springfield

Loornis

James A. Loornis is licensed as a Retailer and Common Victualler at his House, near the Toll gate, in Ruffell

Clemens

Francis Clemens is licensed as a Retailer of Wines & Spirits at his Shop in Westfield on the Canal Bank in said Town near the Depot.

Allen

Amos Allen is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish, W. Springfield

Royce

James C. Royce is licensed as a retailer of spiritous liquors in the town of Wales, at his Store, for medicinal purposes only

Dwney

Alongo M. Dwney is licensed as an Innholder at his House near Palmer Depot

Bond

Ernestus Bond is licensed as a retailer at his Store in Palmer

Calkins

Abel Calkins is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Palmer, Three Rivers Village

Turner

Oliver Turner is licensed as an Innholder, at the place

called Allen's Stage House Palmer.

Alexander Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at the House now occupied by Owen Parks in Montgomery. Stocking

Albert Norrop is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in the Town of Monson. Norrop

Amos Norrop is licensed as an Innholder with authority to sell Wine, ale, Cider, Beer, or any other fermented liquors without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors at his House in Monson. Norrop

Abraham W. Munderk is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Bonville in Palmer. Munderk

Ozias Hoar is licensed as an Innholder at Shondike Village with authority to sell fermented liquors, without authority to sell rum, brandy or other spiritous liquors. Hoar

Paulin Shearer is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store in the Town of Palmer. Shearer

Abel & Billings are licensed as Innholders at Palmer Depot in the Town of Palmer. Abel & Billings

Elisha Kenney is licensed as an Innholder in the Town of Holland at his House. Kenney

Willard Wild is licensed as a Retailer of Spirits at his Store in Holland. Wild

John Ives is licensed as a Retailer, at East Parish Long-meadow. Ives

Ashtley Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at his House at Cull's Bridge in Sudlow. Hayden

Lewis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the House he now occupies in Westfield. Chapman

Martin Cowles is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Westfield. Cowles

Elijah Arnold is licensed as a Retailer at his Store in Westfield. Arnold

Holcomb & Billings are licensed as Innholders at the House lately occupied by McKeggs in Westfield. Holcomb & Billings

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Billings

William W. Billings is licensed as a retailer in the store recently occupied by Selden Rogers, near the Rail Road Depot in Westfield.

King

Roswell King is licensed as an Innholder at the House he now occupies in Westfield.

Hubbard

Erna Hubbard is licensed as a Retailer at her Store in Jew's building, Westfield.

Merrick

John M. Merrick is licensed as an Innholder, without authority to sell wine, brandy, rum, or other spiritous liquors.

Kingsley

John C. Kingsley is licensed as an Innkeeper, in the House called the Union House, in North Blanford, in the Town of Blanford.

Lewis

James S. Lewis is licensed as an Innkeeper at the House called the Blanford Coffee House, in the Town of Blanford.

Bryant & Bliss

Bryant & Bliss are licensed as Retailers in the Town of Springfield, at their Store on Main Street.

Gunn

Elisha Gunn is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield.

Bangs

Jonathan Bangs is licensed at his Store on the Hill in the Town of Springfield, as a retailer.

H & J Brewer

H & J. Brewer are licensed at their Store on Main Street Springfield as retailers.

Cordell & Goodwin

Cordell & Goodwin are licensed as retailers at their Store on Main Street in the Town of Springfield.

Bunker

Merry S. Bunker is licensed as a Retailer at his Store on State Street, in the Town of Springfield.

Webster

Shelden Webster is licensed as a Retailer, at his Store on Main Street.

Beckwith & Phelps

Beckwith & Phelps are licensed as retailers at their Store in Pyer's buildings, in the Town of Springfield.

Upham & Ingraham

Upham & Ingraham are licensed as Retailers at their Store on the Hill in the Town of Springfield.

Storking

Elisha D. Storking is licensed as a retailer, at his Store on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield.

Freeman & Glover are licensed as Retailers, at their Store in Hales' Block building on Main Street.

Jonathan Steer is licensed as an Innholder, at the 'Steer' Northampton House in Springfield.

Ezra Kimbrey is licensed as an Innholder at his House Kimbrey at Alpha Water Shop in the Town of Springfield.

Quincy Warriner is licensed as an Innholder, at the United Warriner, States Hotel in Springfield.

Austin Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at his Chapin's House near Coleridge in the Town of Springfield.

Closter Penhellen is licensed as an Innholder at the Penhellen Middlebury House in Springfield.

Bridges Barney is licensed as an Innholder at the Barney Franklin House in Springfield.

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at the Five Mile House in Springfield.

Erskine Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the Adams Adams Hotel in Springfield.

Leonard Mannum is licensed as an Innholder at the Mannum Columbian Hotel in the Town of Springfield.

Silas H. Smith is licensed as an Innholder at the Smith Rail Road House in the Town of Springfield.

Albert P. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the Chapin Springfield Hotel in the Town of Springfield.

Maxin Chapin is licensed as an Innholder at the Coleridge Chapin House in Springfield.

Winton & Ducker are licensed as Innholders at the Winton & Ducker Hampden Coffee House in the Town of Springfield.

George S. Earle is licensed as an Innholder at the place Earle called Earle's Bunch or Mansion House in the Town of Springfield.

Alcajahn Taylor is licensed as an Innholder at the Taylor House he occupies in Westfield.

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder in the Loomis House he now occupies in Westfield.

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Jennings

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Spencer Jennings respectfully represents that the public
good and convenience requires that a public House should be
licensed and kept at Wilbraham Depot: that he has applied
to the Selectmen of Wilbraham for an appropriation, which they
have unreasonably and unjustly refused to give him: he
therefore begs your Hon. Board that he may be licensed to
keep the House at said Depot, last year kept by E. C. Warner
to sell spirituous liquors and with all the privileges usually granted
to keepers of public Houses
Spencer Jennings.

April 22^d 1841.

Which petition being read and considered is accepted, and the
prayer of the petitioner is granted.

Order to borrow
Money.

Ordered by the County Commissioners that the County
Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding Six
Thousand Dollars, towards the current expenses of the County,
and to give a Note or Notes therefor, and to renew the same
from time to time, as may be deemed necessary, to be reim-
bursed from the taxes to be collected the present year.

Committee
Court Square

William Rice, Esq. resigns his office as one of the Com-
mittee on the Court Square, which is accepted, by the County
Commissioners: and Philip Wilcox is appointed to supply
his place.

Tuller.

Jemshew Tuller is licensed as an Innholder at his
House in Tuller.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented and allowed, and or-
dered to be paid out of the County Treasurers moneys.

William H. Foster, Coroner. Inquisition on the bodies of
Erasmus Rogers, Abel Willard, Charles A. Leary & H. Brown

December 17. 1840

			\$25
Juryman.	E. D. Beach attending 2 days		2.50
"	Daniel Bantam	"	2.50
"	Elijah Blake	"	2.50
"	Henry Seymour	"	2.50
"	Philip Wilcox	"	2.50
"	Edward A. Moore	"	2.50
Witnesses.	Isa H. Moore	"	1.00
"	Benjamin Merrill	1 "	.50
"	Cyrus A. Nichols	1 "	.50
"	Wilson Cady	1 "	.50
"	George W. Whistler	2 "	1.00
"	Samuel H. Leach	1 "	.50
"	Reuben S. French	2 "	1.00
"	James Bacon	1 " - -	.50
"	John D. Horn	1 " - -	.50

To William Hatfield, Constable	do	2.95
William H. Foster, Coroner, Inquisition on the body of a Child found dead in the River Brook in Springfield April 21st 1841.		6.00
Surgeon - J. W. Newcomb, Physician	2 days	2.50
" Moses Bliss	"	2.50
" William Bridgman	"	2.50
" Samuel Bowles	"	2.50
" S. T. Wilcox	"	2.50
" Leonard Butler	"	2.50
Witnesses Richard Brown		.54
" Daniel H. Haigam		.54
" Sarah E. Haigam		.54
William Hatfield, Constable		1.50
William H. Foster, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Simeon Smith, March 11, 1841.		3.00
Surgeon - Samuel Hathorn		1.25
" Austin Chapin Jr		1.25
" D. M. Moore		1.25
" Marvin Chapin		1.25
" William H. Clark		1.25
" Jerome Wells		1.25
Witnesses Mary B. Smith		.50
" James H. Pierce		.50
" Ann Wright		.50
" J. B. Bridgman		.50
Elanzer White Constable		1.70
Richard Bliss, Venues, Certificates, Copies of location &c.		20.39
" Noah Clark, Undertaker's Bill in said County		947.04
" James W. Crocker, making Reports on Petition		12.00
" John Ward as agent of Three Rivers Bridge have Jonah White, 30 25, S. M. Burnett, 4.75, Lucia S. Paine & John Mills for labor &c.		442.27
My services in, repairing said bridge & repairs &c.		10.00
William H. Foster Coroner View the body of John Whipple at the Depot in Springfield		3.00
" C. A. Shannons, Surveyor		6.00
" Moses Daggett, Work at Jail		2.25
" William Rice Esq for Weights & measures		405.00
" Phillip Wilcox, Stems, pipes, &c.		5.25
" Chippew Falls Co. work & materials for Jail George H. Linsley		5.12
" Binding Indexes & alphabets, &c.		110.50
" Martin D. Graves work at Court House		31.90
" Benjamin Spring 11 Reams paper 88. 75 &c. 1.00		89.00
" G. W. C. Merriam, paper, Quills, &c.		15.94
" Franklin Clark, painting Clerk & Register Rooms		5.50
" Hatfield & Barker Clothing for Jail		17.00
" Horace Harris Sinker for 3 Rivers Bridge		52.40
" John Ingersoll, Recording, &c.		4.86
" L. Rice Drawing Orders of Notices &c. &c.		29.61

to pay Henry Brown, Recording Cl.
 " Amasa Parsons, atty. Genl &

12.00
 41.00

County Estimate In conformity with a resolve of the General
 Court passed on the seventeenth day of March
 1841 granting a tax of fourteen thousand
 four hundred dollars for the County of Hampden
 the same is appropriated upon the several Towns
 in said County in manner following viz

Blandford	\$ 567.31
Brimfield	615.59
Chester	366.13
Granville	422.46
Holland	160.94
Longmeadow	416.84
Ludlow	517.03
Mendon	881.14
Montgomery	148.87
Pittsford	961.62
Russell	189.10
Southwick	422.46
Springfield	3,017.27
Tolland	237.38
Wales	209.22
Westfield	1,315.68
West Springfield	1,323.72
Wilbraham	555.24
	\$ 14,400.00

and warrants have been dated the twenty first
 day of April 1841 directed to the Selectmen or
 Assessors of the several Towns in the County, directing
 them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of the
 their respective towns requiring them respective
 Collectors or Constables to collect the same & pay
 the same to William Kim Es. County Treasurer
 his Successor, or order by the 15th day of September
 next ensuing, as the Law directs

Hampden Co. April 23 1841. A matter not voted
 upon, was ordered to be continued, and this meeting is
 adjourned without day.
 Attest Richd Bly Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
begun & holden at Springfield within for the County of
Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1861
thousand eight hundred and one, being the twenty fourth day of said
month and by adjournment on the sixth day of
July A.D. 1861 from day to day to the ninth day of
said July and by adjournment on the 27th day of
July

By Patrick Boies Esq. Chairman
Cyrus Snow Esq. County
Forbes Kyle Esq. } Commissioners

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden
Humbly represent the subscribers
that a road or highway is much needed leading
from Ashley's Ferry in West Springfield to Bush's Wood in W. Spring-
field in Westfield in the most eligible route as to your honors
shall appear - that the increasing market at Cabotville
opens a favorable place for the sale of provisions at that
place, and the establishment of such a road will be
of great advantage both to your petitioners & the public.

Therefore your petitioners pray that the Commissioners
would proceed to view said route and to establish a road
between said termini if the ^{public} good & convenience shall in
their opinion demand it.

(Signed) Benjamin Ashley & others

This petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of
December A.D. 1861 & continued from term to term to the
term and now at this term this petition is dismissed -

To the County Commissioners of the County
of Hampden -

The petition of the Subscribers inhabitants
of said County respectfully represent: that heretofore and
for a long time a toll Bridge has been erected & maintained
by David Morley & his Successors ^{and} ^{near} ^{at} ^{the} ^{place} ^{now} ^{or} ^{West} ^{Springfield}
near the town line between Westfield & West Springfield
for the accommodation of the public travel, which Bridge was
authorized by an act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth
that said Bridge has been recently swept away by an over-
whelming flood - that it is believed there is now no county
road leading across the river near the location of the late
Bridge - that it is considered that the proprietors of the franchise
the right to build a toll Bridge will never rebuild it and
the public good imperiously requires that a new Bridge

Benj Ashley & al
Pet for road
- Westfield

Roswell King
Pet for a road
- Springfield

on or near the place where the late Bridge stood should be erected as soon as it shall be practicable.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable body should lay out a new County Road from the County road leading from West of Springfield to Westfield, beginning at the north side of the river near the line of the towns aforesaid running across the river in West Springfield at or near where the old Bridge stood so as to strike the County road leading from Ensigns Mills towards Fiddling Hills.

Your petitioners would further represent that a new County Road leading from near the dwelling house of Sylvanus G. Mosley on the South Bank of the river westward so as to intersect the road leading from Ensigns Mills towards Fiddling Hills would very much accommodate the public travel. They therefore ask your Honorable body that such a road may be laid out and as in duty bound shall pray.
February 15th 1839.

(Sign) Roswell King & als

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the Thursday of February 1839 by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty at which meeting it was ordered, a view having been had thereon and a new view being deemed expedient & proper that said Commissioners meet at the house of Roswell King in Westfield on Thursday the 25th day of May next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein: and if the same should be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating to hear at such place of meeting, all persons & Corporations interested upon the subject of damages. also ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it was further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield & Westfield each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said towns respectively - an abstract containing the substance of said petition & particulars at least before the time of said meeting - The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at before the time of said meeting. James W. Brooks Chairman

and the petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of
June A.D. 1840 and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance
of the above order makes his return as follows viz
Hampden 4th April 27. 1840

I served the Town Clerk of
West Springfield with a true and attested copy of the
petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon by giving
the same to him and on the 25th day of said April I
served the Town Clerk of Westfield with a true and attested
copy of the petition & order of notice thereon by leaving the
same at his dwelling house & also posted a copy in two public
places in each of said towns in abstract containing the
substance of said petition more than fourteen days before
the time mentioned for holding said meeting

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the County Commis-
sioners made their report in writing as follows

Hampden 5th May 22nd 1840. The County Commissioners of
said County having given notice to all persons and
corporations interested in the foregoing petition in
manner set forth in the foregoing relation of the Sheriff
of said County and also by publishing a copy of said
petition & the foregoing order & notice in a newspaper
printed in said County as the law requires & as is set
forth & required in the foregoing order, met at the time,
place & for the purpose mentioned in said order of
notice and published as aforesaid, and proceeded to view
the premises set forth and described in said petition, &
having viewed the same & heard all persons & corpora-
tions interested in said petition, said Commissioners were
of opinion that common convenience & necessity requires
that a highway should be established & laid from near
the house of Roswell King across the river to near the
house of Sylvanus G. Allorley & that said road be
laid on the west line of the town of West Springfield and
within the limits of said town & said Commissioners do
adjudicate & so report accordingly -

all which is submitted

James W. Crocker,

Isaac Stiles

John Ward

} County

} Comrs

which report being read & considered, is accepted & the
road adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity - and
the petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commis-
sioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of April
A.D. 1841 at which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners meet at the house of Roswell King on
Wednesday the seventh day of June next at ten o'clock
in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate

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according to the tenor of said petition and after locating
to new till persons and corporations interested upon the
subject of damages - also that notice be given to all
persons and corporations interested in said petition by
publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of
the time, place and purpose of said meeting three
weeks successively in the Hampshire and a newspaper
printed in said County. The first publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said meeting - and it was
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy
serve the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an abstract
copy of said petition and this order of Court thereon thirty
days at least - and post up in two public places in said
Town, an abstract containing the substance of said
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof with his
doings to P. Davis by the Chairman of said Commissioners
at or before the time of said meeting - Per order of Court

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this term - and the
Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order
made his return as follows:

Hampden 5 May 3 1841. I served the Town Clerk
of W. Springfield with an attached copy of the petition
afore said - order of notice by giving the same to him and
also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract
containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners
made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden 6 June 16 1841 The County Commissioners
of said County having given notice to all persons and
corporations interested in the foregoing petition in
manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff also by
publishing in a newspaper printed in said County as the
law directs, an abstract of said petition containing
the substance thereof & stating the time, place and purpose
of meeting - also the manner of publication as set forth
in said order & in said abstract published as aforesaid
and at the time and place in said order and abstract
mentioned, and proceeded to lay out and establish
a highway & bridge as follows to wit beginning on the
north side of Westfield river at a stake two rods East
of the East one of three soft maple trees, standing on
the bank of the River - the direction from said Stake N 79°
W to said maple - then across the said river S 16° W to the
centre of the abutment of the old bridge on the south side
of said river, west of S. G. Morleys house and in a
line with a stake a little west of a button ball tree South
west of said Morleys house, said first & last mentioned

States to be for the centre of said bridge - said bridge to be wholly within the limits of West Springfield - said bridge to be fourteen feet in the clear for passage - and after locating said highway and bridge, we heard all persons and corporations, on the subject of damages who were desirous to be heard.

We assessed damages to Sylvanus B. Mosley on the sum of fifty dollars for land taken for said highway and for material of his old bridge which may be taken and used in the construction of the bridge to be erected, over & above the benefits to said Mosley by the erection of said bridge. No other person made claim to any damages and no further damages were assessed.

And the Commissioners further ordered that said bridge be built by the Inhabitants of West Springfield of good materials and in a safe substantial and workmanlike manner to the acceptance of the Commissioners and be completed and fit for passage by the first day of June 1842.

Patrick Boise }
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Frederic Kyle }

which report being read & considered, is accepted and the above way a bridge established as a for a highway -

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at the April Term 1839 -

The undersigned an inhabitant of the town of Springfield in the County aforesaid respectfully represents that in widening Main Street in the front of the house of the undersigned John Barker the Board have taken about four feet in width & about sixty one feet in length of land off the front of her house for which there have assessed twenty five dollars damages which your petitioner believes is but a just valuation of her real damages for the following reasons viz that your petitioners might by continuing the walls of the road to main Street and building up front wall make two good stores to rent or sell, and by thus cutting off about four feet it would injure the value of the Store materially making them 4 feet less in depth - and that it will cost Barker one hundred dollars to make a suitable fence as estimated by James Weston and thirty six dollars for raising & filling out the side walk, as estimated by James Barker making in all one hundred & thirty six dollars. Your petitioner therefore prays that the Board of Commissioners would review their proceedings in relation to the assessment of damages & reassess the said damages - and in equity become to me, pray

Lidia Barker
Petitioner
of Damages

Lidia Barker & agent

The foregoing petition was called at the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the 10th inst. of April in the year 1841 and the same was read and was contained from meeting to meeting & now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows to wit:

Township of July 1st 1841. At a meeting of the Commissioners for the purpose of considering and acting on the report of the foregoing petition and after notifying and hearing the persons interested in the same and after hearing them on the claim of damages and viewing the premises described in said petition have assessed as damages to the petitioners fifty dollars in addition to the other benefits already making in the whole the sum of seventy five dollars

Salmon Price }
 Foster Price }
 Cyrus Price }

which report being read and considered is accepted.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Tazewell.

John Hamilton
 Pet for a
 road in
 Chester

I the undersigned would respectfully represent that public convenience requires a new road from near the new bridge upon the Rock River by the old mill house so called in the north west part of the town of Chester to run near the upper bank of said river to the ferry near the old mill house, then to cross the river and run westerly to the Pontoon Turnpike, and if your honorable Board think it better to continue down the east bank of said river to the Hunter Rock so called, and to cross the river there or anywhere between the said mill house and said rock, and run westerly to said Turnpike, also to make such alterations in the road leading from said Turnpike by short cuts thence to Chester Meeting House, and in the road leading from said Turnpike by Joseph Abbotts house to said meeting house as may be deemed expedient by your honorable Board for public convenience. Your petitioners therefore pray your honor to view the premises as & soon as convenient and make such alterations in any old road and establish such pieces of new road as may be necessary.

Chester 7th January 1840

Signed John Hamilton & others

Said foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the 21st day of April in the year 1841 and on the 21st inst. of April a meeting of the same was held at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester on Thursday the 21st day of May next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and

corporations interested therein, and if the same should
be found to be of common convenience and necessity,
to proceed to locate the same, prayed for, and in the meantime
to meet at said place of meeting all persons and
corporations interested upon the subject of drainage.

Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition, by publishing
a copy of said petition and this order therein, three times
successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper
printed in said County, the first publication to be published
days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his
Deputy, serve the above Book of Charles Cook, an attested
copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty
days at least - and post up in two public places in
said Town - an abstract containing the substance of said
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof
with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners
after seven the time of said meeting.

Wm. H. Cook Chairman

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June - 1840
at which meeting the Sheriff made his return in, and under
of said order as follows

Hampden p. May 21. 1840 I serve the Town Clerk of
Salem with a true and attested copy of this petition and
order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling
house - also posted up in two public places in said Town
an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which last mentioned meeting the County Commissioners
made their report in meeting as follows

Hampden p. May 21. 1840 The County Commissioners of
said County having given notice to all persons and
corporations interested in the foregoing petition, in manner
set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said
County, and also by causing to be published in a Newspaper
printed in said County, at the law on that behalf provided,
a copy of said petition together with the foregoing
order of notice stating the time & place, purpose of the
meeting, and as is required - set forth in said order so
published as aforesaid, met at the time & place in said
order mentioned & proceeded to view the premises
described in said petition and having viewed the same
and heard all persons - corporations interested who desired
to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said
Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience
& necessity require that a new highway should be laid
from the County road near the bridge on the East side

of the river opposite the Combs place as near the river as
may be practicable to near the Hunter rocks so called -
and thence to cross the river at some point between said
Binga & rocks as shown to the old Pontiac Turnpike
Commissioners have been admitted in the
Petition & report accordingly -
the which is submitted

John W. Crooks }
Gideon White } County
John Ward } Com.

which report being read & considered is accepted, and
the way is arranged of common convenience & necessity
and the petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April 1851
But at which meeting it was ordered that said Commis-
sioners meet at the house of Isaac Stevens in Chester on
the third day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for
the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of
said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and
corporations interested upon the subject of damages -
Also that notice be given to all persons & corporations
interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of
said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose
of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield
Republican a newspaper printed in said County, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said
meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said
County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Chester, with
an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon thirty
days at least - and post up in two public places in
said town, an abstract containing the substance of said
petition fourteen days at least before the time of said
meeting. Whereby or his Deputy will make return hereof
with his doings to S^r Eben in the Chairman of said
commissioners, as or before the time of said meeting

Per order of said Com.

Reed Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting
and the Sheriff of said County made his return in pursuance
of said order, as follows

Hampden Co. Apr 24 1851 I being the Town Clerk of
Chester with an attested copy of the petition & order of
notice thereon by giving the same to him, & also posted
up in two public places in said town, an abstract
containing the substance of said petition

Edwin Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners
made their report in writing as follows:

Reminded by June 3 1841. The County Commissioners of
said County having given notice to all persons and
Corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner
set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said
County & also by publishing in the Springfield Rep-
-ublican, a news paper printed in said County as the
law directs, an abstract of said petition, containing
the substance thereof and stating the time place and
purpose of meeting and also the manner of publication
as is set forth in said order & in said abstract & so
published as aforesaid. Forbes Kyle one of the County
Commissioners by reason of interest being an inhabitant
of Chester, the town where the road prayed for in said
petition is situated, did not act in the premises;
Cyrus Knox also, being unable to attend, did not act.
Wm. Rockwell and Marquis Combs Special Commis-
-sioners in said County having been summoned to act
in their stead appeared and acted thereon. And the
Board of Commissioners thus constituted, met at the
time & place in said order & abstract mentioned, and
proceeded to lay out & establish a highway described
as follows to wit: Beginning at a large rock on the
east side of the County road and six rods from the
centre of the rail road - thence southerly on the east bank
of the Rail Road one hundred & twenty rods - thence
South 31° East forty rods, thence South 34° E nine rods
6 links - S 32° E eight rods - S 38° E four rods - S 35° E nine
rods twelve links to Otis Wait's land - S 35° E fourteen
rods twelve links - S 27° E fifteen rods fifteen links
S 20° E forty rods - S 10° E fourteen rods to the highway between
Otis Wait's and the river - thence West 20° South sixteen
rods across the river to the Pontreue Turnpike. Said
road is located three rods wide, and the above courses
& distances are for the centre of said road.

The owners of lands over which said road is located
are allowed for the removal of timber and other materials
claimed by them till the first of November next -
after locating said road we gave opportunity to
persons and Corporations interested to be heard in
damages. No damages were claimed and none were
assessed.

The Commissioners order said road and the
Bridge across said River to be constructed and
built by the Inhabitants of the town of Chester.
Said road is to be made with the travelled path sixteen
feet wide exclusive of ditches, with ditches of sufficient
capacity to carry off the water that flows from the Hills -
the rocks and stones to be removed beyond the ditches and
all rocks & stone near the surface to be dug up & removed.
The Bridge across the River to be builded of wood with

Stone abutments and in a substantial & safe condition
for travelling - the whole to be completed in a workmanlike
manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners by
the first day of January D. 1842
Submitted

Patrick Boice } Comm.
Usat Rockwell } Specimen
Margus Conover } Comm.

which Report being read & considered is accepted, and
the way established as for a highway.

Franklin Hastings
as
Petitioner
in Road in W. Springfield

To the County Commissioners of Hampden, Mass.
The Subscribers represent that the road leading
from Agawam Bridge to Suffolk is very much out of
repair: and the road from said Bridge to Nathan Bailey's
is almost impassible. and that your
Board would forthwith view the same and order such
repairs & make such alterations in said road as the
public convenience may require.

West Springfield April 11th 1840

Signed Franklin Hastings & others

The foregoing petition was entered at the meeting of the
County Commissioners held at Springfield on the second
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & forty at which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners meet at the house of Samuel Noble in
West Springfield on Tuesday the 2^d day of June next at 2 o'
clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view
according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to
hear all persons & corporations interested therein: and if the same
shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity
to proceed to locate the road prayed for - after locating
to hear at said place of meeting, all persons & corporations
interested upon the subject of damages.

It is ordered that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy
of said petition & this order thereon, three weeks successively
in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County.
The last publication to be fourteen days at least before
the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that
the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the same on
Clark & West Springfield, with an attested copy of said
petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least - & set
up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing
the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy
will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman
of said Commissioners, as or before the time of said
meeting. Samuel N. Brooks Chairman

And the petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of June A.D. 1840 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
Hampden Sept 25th 1840 I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with a true & attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the 2^d day of June aforesaid -
E. Rice Sheriff

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1840 at which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden June 2^d 1840
The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County and by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice in a newspaper printed in said County according to the provisions of Law in that behalf; and the terms & requirements of said order of notice, and published as aforesaid, stating the time place & purpose of the meeting in said order of notice mentioned, met at the time & place in said order mentioned, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard all persons & corporations interested, therein who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that Common Convenience & necessity required that certain alterations & improvements & specific repairs should be made in said road between the termini therein mentioned & so adjudge in the premises & Report accordingly

all which is submitted

James W. Brooks } County
Jedson Stiles } Commrs
John Trues } }

which Report being read & considered was accepted & the alterations & specific repairs adjudged to be of Common Convenience & necessity - and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of June A.D. 1841 at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Mr. M. Saltnadg in West Springfield on the 15th day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages

also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time & place & purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition & this order therein thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to P Boies Esq, the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. Per order of P Boies

Rich. Ellis's Clerk

And this petition was returned to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. May 3rd 1841 I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof. C. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden Co. June 15th 1841 The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner & form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County & also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County as the law directs, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and stating the time place & purpose of meeting, and also the manner of publication as is set forth in said orders in said abstract so published as aforesaid - and having met at the time & place in said order & abstract mentioned, proceeded to view the highway described in said petition & the alterations, proposed and prayed for in the same. And having heard all persons & corporations interested in the same, were of the opinion & so decided, that certain specific repairs be made in the highway as now travelled by the inhabitants of West Springfield where said highway is situated - and the said Commissioners order that repairs be made in said road by bringing down the small hill near a gage and bridge so that the ascent shall be gradual - that the road beyond said hill & thence westerly be thrown up and the travelled path cordoned to the extent hereafter mentioned - that the Bailey side be repaired by lessening the ascent

and the travelled path covered with gravel - and sluices
 sunk from the centre of the road with such inclination
 to the ditches, that the water may freely run from
 the centre into the ditches - that the hill next south
 of Bailey hill be repaired and brought down - the
 travelled path made wider and the sluices in the
 hollow made larger and wider - that the next
 hill south called the Calvin Bodortha hill be brought
 down and the hollow raised - that the bridge across
 the brook at this place be made wider and the channel
 through which the water flows enlarged - that all the
 sluices across said highway be made of good materials
 either of stone or timber - and be of the width of fourteen
 feet at least - well covered and safe - that the whole
 of said highway from said Agawaam Bridge to
 Eli Bodortha house be thrown up - the bushes cleared
 and the travelled path made growing and of the
 width of eighteen feet exclusive of the ditches - said
 highway to be made & constructed so that the same
 shall be to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the
 first day of October next.

All which is submitted

Patrick Davis County
 Cyrus Brooks Commissioners,
 Forbes Kyle }

which report being read & considered is accepted &
 the improvements & repairs established as a highway.

To The Hon Board of Commissioners for the County
 of Hampden.

Your petitioners inhabitants of Westfield Silas Root & others
 believing that it will be of public utility, should let for altera-
 some alterations be made in the road leading from the house in Westfield
 the top of pine hill by Henry Stiles house to the house in Westfield
 of Leonard Bush, respectfully request your Honors
 to view said road as soon as may be & make
 such alterations as you in your wisdom shall
 think proper

(Signed) Silas Root & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
 the County Commissioners holden at Springfield
 on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1841 at which
 meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners
 meet at the house of S. M. Parsons in Westfield on the
 first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
 for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the
 prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear
 all persons & corporations interested therein: and if
 the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience
 & necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for
 provided no person interested objects to the same, and

after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations, interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein, three weeks successively in the Westford News Letter, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westford, with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Patrick Boies Esq, the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of Comrs

Rich Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Thursday of June A.D. 1841, at which meeting the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. June 24 1841: I have served the Town Clerk of Westford with an attested copy of the petition & an order of notice thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town and Abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows:

Hampden ss. June 7. 1841

The County Commissioners for said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the foregoing petition according to the order annexed to the same, by publishing a copy of said petition in a newspaper published in said County and by posting up in two public places in the town of Westford copies of the same & by service of a copy thereof on the Town Clerk of Westford as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County. Patrick Boies one of the Comrs being interested as an Inhabitant of the Town of Westford where said view was to be had, Marquis Cassier one of the Special Commissioners of said County was summoned to attend and act in his stead - the board of Commissioners thus constituted proceeded to view the place mentioned in said petition - and after view had taken they are of opinion and so adjudicate that common convenience & necessity require that certain alterations should

be made in the highway as prayed for in said petition.
and persons or corporations interested appearing
to make objections to laying out and establishing said
alterations they then proceeded to locate and establish
the alterations and additions as parts of a highway in
said town of Westfield as follows, to wit. Beginning
at the north side of Silver Street, at a stake bearing
 $S 2^{\circ} 30' E$ 4 feet from the south west corner of Amos
Bushe House now owned by Dennis Hedge, and
running $N 89^{\circ} 45' W$ 2.05 chains on land of said Hedge
then on the same course 2.95 chains on land of Widow
Huldah Fowler to Broad Street. the aforesaid land
to be established as a part of a highway - At the same
time they proceeded to discontinue a part of said
highway as follows, to wit a part of Silver Street
between the houses of Lucius F. Thayer and Asariah
Moseley beginning at a stake bearing $N 1^{\circ} E$ 0.79
chains from the north west corner of Thayers House
and running $N 88^{\circ} 45' E$ 6.40 chains to the west large
gate post in Asariah Moseleys door yard -
leaving on the south side within the limits the
present street twenty six rods of land.

No person appearing to claim damages, none were
awarded to any persons interested in said lands.

Four months from the location of said road
were allowed for the owners of land to remove their
timber and other materials claimed by them - and
the same length of time was given for the inhabitants
of Westfield to make and complete said highway in
good order and fit for travel.

Cyrus Knox } Com.
Hobbs Kyle } Com.
Charles Converse } Jps Com.

which report being read and considered is accepted,
and the alterations and additions established as parts
of a highway.

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County
of Hampshire

We your petitioners inhabitants of Springfield
do hereby respectfully represent that the road or
particular highway from said Springfield to Warren is
hilly and exceedingly crooked, and that in our opinion
a great improvement may be made by locating a new
direct road in the following manner to wit. Commencing
at Warren Lake near John Proutys in said Springfield, thence
southerly over land owned by Capt A. Homer, Aaron
Bliss, Thomas Bliss, John Paine, & Wm. S. Briggs,
Lyman Briggs, to the place which to the Commissioners
may seem the most proper, to the road near the

Olive Plain

at

See for a road

in Springfield

dwelling house of Stephen Briggs in said Brimfield.
We do request your Hon. Board to view the road proposed
- make such locations & alterations on the said road
from said Stephen Briggs to the meeting house in
said Brimfield as to your Board may seem proper.
Brimfield May 30. 1839

Signed Oliver Blair & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on
the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of the Lord
one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine, and was
continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden
on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1840 at which
meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet
at the house of J. D. Browning in Brimfield on Wednesday
the 10th day of February next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer
of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons
- corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be
adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to
proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no
person interested objects to the same, and after locating
to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and
corporations interested upon the subject of damages.
Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition, by publishing
a copy of said petition & this order therein, three weeks
successively in the Hampshire Post a newspaper printed in
said County, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least before the time of said meeting, and it was
further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his
deputy send the Town clerk of Brimfield with an attested
copy of said petition & this order therein, thirty days at
least - and post up in two public places in said Town
an abstract containing the substance of said petition
fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff to his deputy will make return hereof with
his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or
before the time of said meeting.

James W. Weeks Chairman

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
Commissioners holden on the second Saturday of April
A.D. 1841 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County
in pursuance of the above order made his return as follows:
Hampshire Post 5th 1841 I received the Town Clerk's return
with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & gave of
notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house
- also posted up in two public places in said town an
abstract containing the substance of said petition
on the fourteen days before said meeting. Oliver Sheriff

And the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

At a session of the Board of Commissioners of said County, held on the 10th day of February, 1841. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, place, purpose of the meeting according to the provisions of law in that behalf as is set forth in sequence in said order of notice, met at the time & place in said order mentioned & so published as aforesaid & proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, & having viewed the same & heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who chose to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition, said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience & required, that a new road should be laid out & established as prayed for in said petition, commencing near the house of John Trouty & running the most practicable route, along the low ground westerly of Tower Hill to some point on the old road between the house of Eymann Briggs & Bromfield Meeting House & so adj. in the premises & report accordingly. all which is submitted.

James W. Brooks
Gideon Stiles } Co
John Ward } Commrs

which report being read & considered is accepted & the lay adjudged of common convenience and necessity. - And at said meeting it was ordered that the Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph D. Browning in Bromfield on the 24th day of May next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons & corporations interested upon the subject of damages - also that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Longwood Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. - And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Bromfield, with an abstract copy of said petition & this order, three weeks at least - and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least - before the time of said meeting.

the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof forth
his duty to Patrick Davis Esq. the Chairman of said
Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting

and the petition was returned to the meeting and
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the order
made his return as follows.

Thompson & Child of the said Town Clerk
of said County made an affidavit of the petition
before a Justice of the Peace by giving the same to him a
copy of the same and a copy of the same in said Town Clerk
abstract containing the substance of said petition

G. Rice Sheriff

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners
make their report in writing as follows

Respected J. H. Mayors.

The County Commissioners
of said County having taken notice to all persons
corporations interested in the proposed petition in
manner set forth in the petition of the said also by
publishing the same in a newspaper published in said County at
the said Town Clerk's abstract of said petition containing
the substance thereof and making the same place of deposit
of meeting and the manner of publication as set
forth in said order and said abstract published
as aforesaid met at the time & place in said order &
abstract mentioned and proceeded to lay out & establish
a highway for the use of the County as follows to wit Beginning
at a point on the new travelled road on the line between
the towns of Warren & Brimfield then running S 28° W 11 rods
7 links. S 25° W 16 R. S 23° W 12 R 23 L. to the N West corner
of John Prouty's house, thence S 1 1/2° W 24 R 22 L. S 18° W 10 R 24 L
S 41° W 7 R 9 L S 21° W 4 R across the old road. thence S 8° W
41 R 5 L. S 16 1/2° W 16 R 9 L. S 11° W 19 R. S 28° W 31 R 7 L. S 22 1/2°
W 34 R 13 L. S 19° W 6 R 23 L. S 17 1/2° W 4 R 20 L. S 14° W 18 R.
S 18 1/2° W 16 R. S 20° W 14 R 4 L. S 7 1/2° W 9 R. S 9° E 3 R. S 9°
E 9 R 5 L. S 25 1/2° E 13 R 22 L. S 16° E 11 R 8 L. S 11° E 10 R 14 L
S 15° E 21 R 15 L. S 15° E 23 R 15 L. S 19° E 8 R 2 L. S 24° E 12 R
3 L. S 25° E 7 R. S 4° E 21 R 2 L. S 4° E 57 R. S 13° E 31 R 16 L.
S 30° E 20 R 20 L. S 35 1/2° East 24 R. S 18° E 3 R 4 L. S 18° E 5 R.
S 1° E 24 R 13 L. S 6 1/2° E 8 R 11 L. S 21° E 3 R 18 L. S 26° E 8 R 14 L.
S 23° E 7 R 7 L to the old road leading from Town Hill to
the Meeting House in Brimfield - We also made an alteration
on the highway near said Meeting House to wit by taking
from the land of Geo. Bliff near the School House from his
north west corner S 2° W 2 R 8 L. S 4 1/2° E 2 R 19 L.

Said road is located three rods wide, and the line surveyed
is the centre of the same. After locating said road we heard
all present and corporations interested, who chose to
be heard on their claims for damages - and we have

assessed damages to the persons and in the sums as follows.

To Capt. Alfred Mosier	\$ 375.00
Thomas Bliss	250.00
John Pine	200.00
Wm. H. D. Siggs	150.00
Sydney Siggs	140.00
Philip & Mattara	10.00
George Bliss	50.00
	<u>1150.00</u>

No other persons claimed damages by reason of said location.

The Commissioners have granted to the owners of the lands over which said road is located till the first day of October next for the purpose of removing timber and materials belonging to them.

The said road is ordered by said Commission to be made and completed to the acceptance of said Commission by the first day of July 1842.

The Commissioners order and direct in the construction of the road aforesaid that the same be made finished under the following conditions: viz. said road to be constructed so that the travelled path shall be twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches. The bed of the road when necessary is to be thoroughly broken up and stumps roots & stones to be removed before the making of said road - the low and marshy places to be either broken up so as to be free from water and or thoroughly drained so that water may not stand in the ditches - all hills & knolls to be reduced and low places raised so that the elevation shall in no place exceed three and half degrees, and in no place where practicable to exceed three degrees - In all places where sluices and bridges are necessary they are to be constructed of stone and in a thorough workmanlike manner and of sufficient capacity to take the water at all times. Sides now to be provided with sufficient railing in all places of slope, when necessary so as to be safe for the traveller, to the acceptance of the Commission on a view of the same after completed -

and the Commissioners further order as specific remains on the old road - that on said road from Sydney Siggs to the level near the meeting House to be widened so that the travelled path be twenty feet wide and the hills to be so reduced so that the elevation shall in no case exceed three degrees - Patrick Green,

Cyrus Hays (Comr)
Torber Hyle

which Report being read & considered is accepted and the above way established as for a highway -

Lucius Gibbs
Petitioner

At the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
at their Session on the 2^d Tuesday of April 1841

The Subscriber represents that on this
day he has applied to the Selectmen of Chester for an
approbation to be licensed as a retailer of Spiritous
Liquors at the Store now occupied by said Selectmen in said
Chester, and said Selectmen unanimously refused and
refused to grant such approbation. Wherefore your
petitioner is aggrieved and now requests the County Com-
missioners to grant him a license to sell Spiritous Liquors
he having given notice in writing to the said Selectmen
that he should apply to your Board for such license
at this term.

Chester April 5 1841

Lucius Gibbs

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners held on the Second
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty one and was continued to this meeting
and now at this meeting it is ordered that said petition
be dismissed.

votes.

County of

The votes for County Treasurer having been so
counted it appears that the whole number of votes was
three thousand nine hundred and sixty six, necessary for
a choice and John H. Hilditch, Esq., Town, William Rice
had twenty three hundred and thirty four votes and by
the County Commissioners as chosen and he appears and
is sworn before the County Commissioners and has given
bond to the acceptance of said Commissioners.

Register of Deeds

The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of
Hampshire being so counted it appears that the whole
number of votes was four thousand eight hundred and
sixty six, necessary for a choice and John H. Hilditch, Esq., Town, William Rice
had twenty three hundred and thirty four votes and by
the County Commissioners as chosen, who appears and is sworn
and has given bond to the acceptance of County Commissioners.

Lane

Olis Lane is licensed as a Retailer of Spiritous Liquors
at the Store now occupied by said Lane in Brimfield.

Browning

Joseph D. Browning is licensed as an Innholder at his
house in Brimfield.

Carrier

The petition of Isaac H. Carrier to be licensed as a retailer
of Spiritous Liquors at the Store now occupied by him in
Brimfield is not granted.

to the New County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden.

Respectfully represents the Subscriber
that the Public good and convenience requires that
there should be a licensed apothecary & druggist
in Mendon, in addition to the one now licensed
that he has a suitable Shop in the West part of
Mendon for the purpose that he has applied to the
Deputies of Mendon for approbation, which they
have unanimously refused him & that he gave them
notice of his intention to apply to your board for
a license. He therefore prays your board that he
may be licensed as apothecary & druggist in said
Town located in Mendon. July 6th 1841

(Signed) Hiram Ferry

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting
and having been read & considered it is ordered
that the prayer of said petition be not granted.

Horace Cutler is licensed as a retailer of spiritous
liquors at the Store formerly occupied by S. S. S. near
Main River in Springfield.

James L. Lyon is licensed to sell spiritous liquors for
medical purposes as in, at his Store in Cambridge

Edman Place is licensed as a retailer at the Store
East of Main Street near the passenger Depot in
Springfield.

William L. Stogley is licensed as a retailer at the
Store at Shaw's Head at Cheever Falls.

Ellis Corbin is licensed as an Innholder at the House Corbin
formerly last by J. Bartlett in West Springfield.

Gibbs Gabriel are licensed as Innholders at the
Mansion House formerly at the Bridge place in
Springfield.

William Harding are licensed as Retailers at Store
formerly occupied by Emmons Bond in Palmer.

Edman H. Clark is licensed as a Retailer at the
Store located occupies in Fading Hills West Springfield.

Voted unanimously to report of an act passed at
the last session of the General Court entitled an
act for establishing a house of correction in the County
of Hampshire Hampden Franklin & Berkshire.

Ferry

Cutler

Lyon

Place

Stogley

Corbin

Gibbs Gabriel

Harding

Clark

H. of Correction

Accounts

The following accounts were presented & allowed - ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury -

To William H. Foster Coroner. Disposition of the body of Mary Nichols & Susan			3.00
Lyman - Joel Brown attending 1 day			1.25
Marcelling			1.25
William Foster			1.25
Charles Foster			1.25
Rufus Chapman			1.25
Calvin Foster			1.25
William - Z. Cotton			.50
John L. Eaton			.50
Wm. Hildreth			.50
Wm. H. Russell			.44
To William H. Foster Coroner. Disposition of the body of Harvey Spear June 30. 1841			3.00
Lyman - Jordan Dicks attending 1 day			1.25
W. B. Alden			1.25
Samuel Hunt			1.25
Calvin Duell			1.25
Dennis Henshaw			1.25
Charles D. Chaplin			1.25
William - Rebecca Spear			.50
Anna Gull			.50
Harvey Dicks			.50
W. B. Alden			.50
Lyman - David Constable Services			1.30
John Abbott Coroner viewing the body of William Dicks Nov 12. 41			3.00
Robert Rice Surveyor of Highways & taking care of the State year ending June 1. 1841			62.39
Benjamin Nathaniel repairing pile-driver			5.35
Matthew Menan Clothing & provisions			5.00
Rayville Menan Carpeting & cloth for cabin in school			15.75
John W. Wright putting down meeting de			25.00
J. Norman Jr Surveying roads			2.50
Jordan W. Blackall fixing window in Court House			1.25
Thomas H. Smith glass setting in County House & Jail			4.02
James H. Crooks making orders for Coroner 2 days			6.00
Thomas Parsons taking care of Court House de			34.65
Nick Bliss binding copies of location			38.29

July 27. 1841 Hampden Co. All matters not voted upon were ordered to be continued - the meeting adjourned without day

Attest Richd W. B. Cook

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
and Judges holden at Springfield within for the
County of Hampden on the first Tuesday & October
1841 eight hundred & forty one being the fifth
day of said month & from day to day to the second
day of said October -

By Patrick Wise Esq Chairman
 Cyrus Penox Esq County
 Clerk
 Moses May Jr Esq Commissioner

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County
of Hampden - We your petitioners do respectfully represent
to your Honorable Body that whereas the Western C. F. Perkins
Rail Road is soon to go into operation as the grand Pet for
throughfare will so direct the travel from the Chertle Road in Chertle
Tampike gate that it ^{is not} tolls will not support said over Tampike
Tampike - Your petitioners believing that there is no
place in Western Massachusetts that public convenience
& necessity has stronger claims for the location of a
county road - and as much as now if it has been laid
in such - we pray your Honorable Body to meet on
Tampike as early as may be a lay & establish the
same a county road from the easterly end thereof to the
line of the County of Berkshire & award such damages
to each & all persons owning land when said road
passes & give such sums for Bridges & permanent stony-
work & repairs as your Honorable Body may think
reasonable and just to said Corporation not wishing
to waive the right of Dam.

Becket May 5 1841 (Signed) C. F. Perkins Agent for &
in behalf of the Chertle
Tampike Corporation

The foregoing petition was called on at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield
on the 1st day of October 1841 in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty
one at which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners meet at the house of Oliver S. Wood
in West on Friday the twelfth day of a report
not at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose
of receiving to view & answering to the prayer of said
petition - after viewing & hearing all parties in person
interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged
to be of common convenience & necessity to proceed
to locate the road & grant for & awarded the same
to be laid out to the same line as is located
to be at said place of meeting all persons

and Corporations interested upon the subject of said petition. And ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon three times successively in the Springfield Herald a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be published at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy deliver the Town Clerk of Chester, with an attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said town of Chester an abstract containing the substance of said petition thirty days at least before the time of said meeting.

The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to S. Brewster the Chairman of said Commission at or before the time of said meeting. Per order of S. C. Bennett
Rich. Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1841 at which meeting the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows:

Hampden Co July 20 1841 I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
G. Rice Sheriff

And the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Hampden Co August 20 1841 The Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons & Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner & form as set forth in the foregoing petition & in Sheriff of said County & also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order stating the time place & purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Herald a newspaper printed in Springfield & published in said County according to the provisions of the law in that behalf and as set forth & required in said order of notice - having been notified by the petitioner that the Town of Chester would make opposition to the prayer of said petition we as said Commissioners would not be secure to act. Said Commissioners did not act on said petition & they order said petition to be dismissed and with costs to the Petitioner. And so adjourned in the premises according to duty in their report. Robert Wing

Cyn. Stone
For the State

which report being read & considered is accepted.

To the County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden.

The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield
represent that a Street or road leading from
Walnut Street near the house of Jonathan Bangs
westerly to the High School House and from thence
across School Street to Maple Street near the house
of William Orne, is much used & needed for the
public accommodation, but has never been
laid out or established by any competent
authority, that the Selectmen of said town have
unreasonably refused to lay out & establish said
road, though often requested so to do & particularly
at the last town meeting of said Inhabitants
on the fifth day of April inst. Whereupon your
petitioners request the County Commissioners to
view, lay out & establish said road as a public
highway as soon as may be.

Also that you would view establish &
make certain alterations & improvements in
the highway leading from the Franklin
Hotel by the upper water shops, to the line of
the town of Longmeadow for the better ac-
commodation and convenience of the public.
April 19. 1841

Signed Edward Badger & others

The foregoing petition was entered at
a meeting of the County Commissioners holden
at Springfield on the second Tuesday of
April in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight Hundred & forty one and continued
to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on
the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841 at which
first mentioned meeting it was ordered that
The Commissioners meet in the Court House
in Springfield on the 21st day of June next
at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose
of proceeding to view according to the prayer
of said petition & after receiving to hear all
persons and corporations interested therein:
and if the same shall be adjudged to be of
common convenience and necessity, to proceed
to locate the road prayed for: provided no
person interested objects to the same, and after
locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all
persons & corporations interested upon the subject
of damages. also ordered that notice be given
to all persons and corporations interested

Edw^d Badger
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Res. for laying
out of High St
Springfield

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in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. and is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least - and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least - before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to P. Town by the Chairman of said Commission as or before the time of said meeting. By order of sd Commrs

Richd Bliss Clerk

And at said meeting on the fourth Tuesday of June the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows
Hampden 10 May 5th 1841

I served the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office & place of business, and posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Signed C. Rice Sheriff

At which said mentioned meeting the Commission made their report in writing as follows.
Hampden 10 June 21. 1841

The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order stating the time place & purpose of the meeting in a newspaper called the Springfield Gazette printed in said ^{County} according to the provisions of law on that behalf as is set forth & required in said order of notice, met at the time & place in said order mentioned & proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, & having viewed the same & heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter of said petition. The said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted so far as that the present travelled street leading

in Springfield, upon which street
from Market Street to Maple Street near the house
of William Cook be established and widened and
thus located as a highway - and so adjudge in
the premises and accordingly submit their report

Patrick Boies

Agnes Knox } County
Forts Hye } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is
accepted and the same adjudge of common
convenience and necessity - and at said meeting
it was ordered that said Commissioners meet
at the Court House in Springfield on Friday
the 27th day of August next at 10 o'clock
in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding
to locate according to the prayer of said
petition, and after locating to hear all
persons and corporations interested upon
the subject of damages - also, that notice be
given to all persons and corporations interested
in said petition, by publishing an abstract of
said petition and a notice of the time and
place & purpose of said meeting, three weeks
successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper
printed in said County, the last publication to
be fourteen days at least before the time of
said meeting - And it was further ordered that
the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve
the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested
copy of said petition, and this order thereon
thirty days at least - and post up in two public
places in said town, an abstract containing
the substance of said petition fourteen days
at least - before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff or his deputy will make return
hereof with his doings to P. Boies being the
Chairman of said Commissioners, at or
before the time of said meeting. Per order of
the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss Clerk

and this petition was continued to this meeting
and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of
said order made his return as follows:

Hampden, p July 26. 1881 - I served the Town
Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the
petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon by giving
the same to him & also posted up in two public places
in said town an abstract containing the substance
of said petition

W. Rice Sheriff -

and now at this meeting the County Commissioners
 make their Report in writing as follows:
 Hampden 27 August 1891 The Commissioners of
 said County having given notice to all persons
 and corporations interested in the foregoing petition
 in manner set forth in the return of the Sheriff of
 said County & also by publishing in their newspapers
 printed in Springfield & published in said County
 as the law directs, an abstract of said petition
 containing the substance thereof, & stating the
 time place & purpose of meeting and the manner
 of publication as is set forth in said order and
 said abstract so published as aforesaid met at
 the time & place in said order and abstract
 mentioned and proceeded to lay out and
 establish a highway in said petition mentioned,
 to be made and repaired by the Inhabitants of
 Springfield, as follows. to wit. Beginning at
 a point north $80\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 22 ft 25 inches from
 the South easterly corner of Jonathan Bangs
 dwelling House on the westerly side of Walnut Street
 Thence South 50° West 13 rods and 2 links to a
 stake standing at the southeasterly corner
 of the front door yard fence of John Hilbons
 house, thence South $58\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West 2 rods and $7\frac{1}{4}$ links
 to a stake standing ~~in line~~ a little northerly
 of the Southwesterly corner of said Hilbons front
 door yard fence, thence South $53\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 32 rods and
 6 links to a stake standing by the most northerly
 fence post at the South easterly corner of a lot
 owned by J. M. Carver thence South 55° West 19 rods and
 17 links to a stake standing on the westerly line of
 said Carvers lot, thence South $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 16 rods &
 14 links to a stake near the foot of the hill on the
 line of land owned by Ezra Richmond, thence
 South $49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 11 rods and 7 links to the southeasterly
 corner of part of Lombard Dales front door yard
 fence, thence on the same course 4 rods and 15 links
 to the South westerly corner post of said last
 mentioned fence, thence South $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West 11 rods and
 2 links including the width of School Street to the
 Southeasterly corner post of Henry L. Bunters front
 door yard fence, thence South $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West 15 rods
 and 5 links to a stake standing $14\frac{3}{4}$ links southerly
 from the southeasterly corner of the Widow Jones
 house thence South 50° West 6 rods and 1 link to the
 Southwesterly corner of Simon Sanborn's lot. thence
 South 49° West 25 rods and 10 links to a stone pillar
 standing at the Southwesterly corner of Col Ames
 front yard fence being the Corner of High & Maple

Streets. Said road is laid out 50 feet wide from Walnut Street till it passes the deer yard fence of Jonathan Bangs & from there to Maple Street is to be 100 rods in width - and the above mentioned courses are taken on the westerly side of said road.

The owners of lands are allowed till the first day of May next to remove obstructions from the road located as above.

After locating said road we heard all persons and corporations on the subject of damages who chose to be heard -

Jonathan Bangs made claim for damages to be assessed to him for land taken for said road - The Commissioners were of opinion that he did not show title to the land claimed by him and declined assessing damages claimed -

The said road is to be raised & constructed so that the travelled path shall be eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches. The whole to be done in a good and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of June next.

Patrick Boine
Cyrus Knox } Commissioners
Hiram Hyde }

which report being read and considered is accepted and the way established as a highway -

The following accounts were presented and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury - viz

William H Foster Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Scamua Lock August 7 th 1841	3.00
Juryman - James W. Brooks attending 1 day	1.25
Jonathan Bangs " "	1.25
Jesse Haulcy " "	1.25
Albert C Ramsdell " "	1.25
Daniel Foster " "	1.25
Henry Stocking " "	1.25
Witnesses - Cyrus Buckland " "	50
Deputy Sheriff " "	50
James Hubbard " "	50
Constable Stephen C Russell serving process	91
William Rice for making Inds for Sub 21 to 40 - 21 to 40 - 101 to 1000	500.00
A P Graves 1 cord wood for Court House	5.00
Samuel Bell surveying roads in Chester	2.00
Henry James Brooks 6 cords wood for Court do	21.12
Amount over	

To Oliver B. Menis	use of water &c	6.00
" Benj. Rathbun	repairing sails - at sail	12.37
" E. Rice, Sheriff	Serving orders of Reliefs for Ann	24.32
" Wm. J. Clavel	paid for sweeping Elm St. on Oct 25	12.11
" Philo J. Wilcox	his team &c for Court House & Jail	14.42
" H. S. Baker	Work & materials at Store	45.43
" Messrs Cooley	Making Wrought for jail	7.11
" Theodore Leroy	Making 8 Spire level for do	2.00
" C. A. Shannons	Surveying High St. & Jail	3.00
" S. J. Bailey	Blankets for jail	17.00
" Charles Newcomb	Services to Oct. 1. 1841	10.00
" W. H. Butler	Surveying roads for roadmen & woodmen	1.31
" Amasa Parsons	Services attending courts & looking care of Court House &c	31.25
" Isaac Clark	ward keeper of Jail & County	620.65
" Nick Bliff	Services as clerk, &c	26.31

Oct 7. 1841 All matters not acted upon are ordered to
be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day
at this Nick Bliff Clerk

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Scaris' Mother
let her a home
in Westfield

10. *Macropus* L.

He first saw the document, which with an attested copy of said petition
and other books shown, being taken at least, and put up in his study
where he said I was watching, and observed concerning the petition
presenting petition, which was at least, when the time of said
meeting. The sheriff is to be kept in the state where being with his
duty to be acquainted of said case. I am sure, that before the time
of said meeting. Thomas H. Bryant, Chairman.

After the petition was returned to the meeting of the common
commissioners, at the first meeting of October, 1. 1840. And the
sheriff of said county, is accountable of the foregoing order and
his return, as follows.

Sherriff of said county, I deliver the same to the sheriff of
said county, and the same was with an attested copy of the petition
presented and was of notice to all by giving the same to
him, and also posted up in his public place in view of
said county, as required, containing the substance of said petition
to the sheriff.

At which meeting the said sheriff made this report as being
as follows.

Sherriff of said county, August 25. 1840. The County Commissioners
of said County, having given notice to the persons and cor-
porations interested in the foregoing petition, as appears by the for-
going return of the sheriff of said County, and by publishing a copy
of said petition and the foregoing notice of notice in a newspaper
printed in said County according to the provisions of law in that
respect and as is set forth and signed in the foregoing order
of the court and as is here and there and for the purpose in
said order of notice mentioned and presented to view the same
and described in said petition, and having received the same
and read all persons and corporations interested in the subject
matter of said petition said commissioners were of opinion
that common convenience and necessity require that a road
should be laid from some point near the Green (Green Mountain)
road and the house of Mr. B. B. and running southerly
to a point in the road called Green Street between the house
of Abner Butler and said commissioners to adjudge in the
premises and to report accordingly.

And which is submitted.

James H. Crocker?
Silas Stiles } County Commrs.
John Ward }

Said report being read and considered is accepted, and the
board adjourned by common convenience and necessity.

At which last meeting meeting it was ordered, that said
commissioners meet at the house of J. H. Parsons in Northfield
on the first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of proceeding to execute, according to the pro-
visions of said petition, and after meeting to hear all persons
and corporations interested upon the subject of same, and
that notice be given to all persons and corporations

included in said petition by mentioning an account of said petition
was a notice of the same and place and purpose of said meeting
was made especially in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed
in said county, and said publication is so far from being at
all to be the cause of any scandal, as it is further stated
that the Sheriff of said County is not a deputy since the term
expired of his office, with an admitted copy of said petition was
then given to him, thereby being at least once put in the hands
public places in said town, and although, containing the substance
of said petition, printed days at least before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff, to his deputy, who made return thereon, sent
his account to the Clerk of the Commission of said County, which
is a fact for the time of said meeting.

The Clerk of said County Commissioner

"Richd" Shap, Clerk.

And said petition was continued to this term. And the Sheriff
of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made and
return as follows: "I have done so, April 22, 1841. I have

the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition
and order to send it there, by giving the same to him, and
also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract
containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their
report in writing, as follows:

Resolved, June 1, 1841 The County Commissioners of said
County, having given notice to all persons and corporations in-
terested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the
return of the Sheriff, and also by publishing in a Newspaper
printed in said County as the case stands an account of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, and stating the time
place and purpose of meeting; and also the manner of pub-
lication as set forth in said order, and in said abstract so
published as aforesaid, met at the time and place in said
order and abstract mentioned, Sabath Noice, one of the County
Commissioners being interested, as an inhabitant of the town
where said road is situate, did not act on said petition,
and Charles Comstock, a Special Commissioner having been
appointed, appeared and acted thereon; and the County
Commissioners, being constituted, proceeded to lay out and
establish a highway as follows, to wit: Beginning at a
point in Court Street, bearing N. 57° 30' W. one and half rods
from the Northwest corner of Martin Bowles' Store (which
corner is the Eastern line of said road) to the centre of
the road, then S. 32° 40' W. 26.50 chains, to a stake, bearing
N. 54° 30' W. from the Northwest corner of Alvin Fowler's barn
which corner is the East line of said Road; then S 31° 30' W.
3.33 chains to Silver Street. At this terminus a monument
is placed on the East line of said road, bearing from centre
N 71° E one and half rods. Said road is laid out three Rods

wide and the line surveyed is the centre of the same

and corners of lands abutting the same are allowed till the first day of November next time for removing timber and other materials claiming to them after locating line and we must all parties and corporations interested upon the subject be made aware of the same to be heard. and on report made by the Commission and to the same following to wit.

James Smith	100.
Wm. L. Smith	110.
Wm. L. Smith	140.
James Smith	200.
Henry Smith	30.
John Smith	300.
	120.

and the Commissioners direct that the travelled path for a mile or more lead be made at twenty feet wide, and so running out to take the water from the same into the ditch; that the same be made and completed to the acceptance of the voters of the inhabitants of that city, by the first day of September 1842.

The above report of location not accepted by the Commissioners December Meeting 1841.

Cyrus Smith
 Forbes Tyle
 Maquis Comtee Special Commrs.

At a meeting of the
 Board of
 Commissioners of the
 City of Springfield

To the Hon. Comm. Commissioners of Hampshire Co. Mass.
 Your petitioners humbly shew That the road from the corner of
 the lot owned by E. Smith, and the River Road at the Mill Pond in the
 town of Springfield, requires widening from the corner near the House of
 Paul Smith, to said River Road it being now but ten feet wide, and
 that there is a necessity of alterations and amendment of the
 several bills between the said E. Smith's and the last ditch
 claims. We therefore pray your Honors to view and widen said
 road, to say where the road from said Smith's road to said
 River Road, and as to such other alterations and amendments
 as your Honors may deem best for the necessity and convenience
 of the public.

Witness our hand this 3rd day of March 1842.

Signed

Attest: Henry D. Smith

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 Commissioners, held at Springfield on the fourth day of June 1842
 and to the meeting held on the 10th day of June 1842
 at which meeting it was ordered, that the
 Commissioners meet at the house of Wm. L. Smith in the
 town of Springfield on the 17th day of June next at 10 o'clock in the
 forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view and amend the
 same of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and
 corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged
 to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to
 locate the road prayed for provided no person interested object
 to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of
 meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject

...and there enter thereon, after which accepting in the appropriate
position a newspaper printed in said County the said publication
to be printed up at and by the time of said meeting. And
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County do and legally
cause the same to be published with an attested copy of
said petition and thus enter the same thereby days at least and put
up in some public place in said town, an abstract, containing
the substance of said petition for seven days at least before the
time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will meet
where necessary with his family to advise by the Chairman of said
Commissioners as to the time of said meeting.

To the said Commissioners

Rich^d Phelps, Clerk.

Said petition was continued to the meeting of the Commis-
sioners held at Springfield on the first Monday of June 1844
and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order made his return as follows:

Hamden J. May 31st 1844 I served the Town Clerk of West-
Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and
order of notice thereon, and also posted up in two public places
in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said
petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing
as follows.

Hamden J. June 12th 1844. The Commissioners of the County of
Hamden having given notice to all persons and corporations
interested in the passage of the petition of which the foregoing is
a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing Return of
the Sheriff of said County, and also, by publishing a copy of said
petition together with the foregoing Order, stating the time, place
and purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Republican, a
newspaper printed in Springfield, and published in said County
according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as
set forth and required in said order of notice; met the time
and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises de-
scribed in said petition; and having received the same and
heard all persons and corporations interested in the subject
matter of the same, were desired to be heard: the ^{same} Commissioners
having continued the reading of said petition till the regular
meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the
first Tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty-
one, were of opinion that a more convenient and neces-
sary require that the Mayor of said petition be granted: that
said road be made wider in some places and that altera-
tions, by the establishment of new roads, in some parts of the
route, mentioned in said petition, and they do advise in

the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Witness my hand

James Henry Commissioners.
John Hyle

Said Report being read and considered was accepted and the petitioners, be adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was returned to the court on the first Sunday of Feb. A.D. 1841 at which last mentioned meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of E. Bradley in Northampton on Friday the 14th day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the terms of said petition, and after location to make all returns and to perform all duties in relation to the subject of damages to be done to the land to be given to the persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting. And it was also ordered, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said county the last publication to be given, except at least before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said county, do his deputy have the same kind of transcription with an attested copy of said petition and this order, thereby read at least, and post up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, under seal of court, before the time of said meeting, the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return of his doings to said Clerk, the Clerk of said court, and also at or near the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Richd. H. H. Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the court of the Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampton N. H. Feb. 15. 1841. I served the town with a copy of said petition and an abstract thereof, by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

W. H. H. Sheriff.

And since the Commissioners, make their Report in writing as follows.

Hampton N. H. November 14. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the more of the petition, of which the foregoing is a separate printed, and having made and accepted their Report accordingly, and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampshire and also causing to be published in abstract to the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place and

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pursuant to the notice of the Commissioners in the Springfield Gazette
a newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of
law enacted in that behalf, and as is described in said return to said
court, and as mentioned in said notice, that the
time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered
the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish
certain alterations, and amendments in said road as follows to-wit:

Beginning on south side of said Road, at a stake, on
land of Nathan Ely, 0.75 chains from the North side of the road
and opposite the West line of the road leading to Payne's Mills,
and then running S. 80° E. 22.50 Ch^s to the East side of the School
House on Brush Hill Road, on land of said Ely. Then beginning
at the East side Brush Hill Road, on the North side of said
Road, and then S. 83° E. 0.54 Ch^s to a stake 7 links south of the
S.E. corner of Widow Chapin's House: then same course, 10.04
Ch^s S. 80° 45 E. 9 Ch^s S. 79° E. 4.67 Ch^s to the top of the Hill, in a line
with said N. Ely's and Aaron Ashley's land: then S. 74° 15 E.
3.41 Ch^s to a stump. S. 76° 15 E. 4.20 Ch^s S. 82° 15 E. 2.90 Ch^s N. 89° E.
1.25 Ch^s N. 82° 45 E. 1.58 Ch^s N. 80° E. 12.12 Ch^s to the top of the Hill.
N. 67° 15 E. 1.46 Ch^s N. 77° 30 E. 1.60 Ch^s S. 82° 30 E. 1.29 Ch^s to a Chestnut Tree
S. 68° 45 E. 4.02 Ch^s N. 87° E. 15.25 Ch^s to a maple tree. N. 87° 45 E. 10.50 Ch^s to a
stake at River road 0.10 Ch^s South of the S.E. corner of the State formerly
occupied by E. & E. Winchel. And after locating and establishing said
alterations at parts of said road, the Commissioners heard all claims
of damages by those who desired to be heard, and assessed damages
as follows:

To Nathan Ely for land, and moving fence, Ninety Dollars

Widow Chapin land and fence fourteen Dollars

Moses Ashley, moving fence, Six Dollars sixty cents

Aaron Ashley do fifteen Dollars

William Ashley, land and fence, eight dollars, ninety five dollars

Said Road ^{place} ^{Smith} where the same is laid out as an alteration on H. Smith's
land is three Rods wide, and the travelled path is to be constructed
at eighteen feet in width, with drains of sufficient capacity to
carry off the water, And the Commissioners order as the repairs
on said road, that Whistling Hill, so called, be reduced two feet,
and the hollow to be raised, with filling up with the dirt and gravel
Also the Hill near Widow Chapin's, to be reduced, and the low ground
filled up. And the owners of lands crossed by said alterations
in said location, are allowed till the first day of July next, to
remove the timber and materials from the same

Submitted.

Patrick Boies

Cyrus Knot

Reuben Kyle

Commissioners.

That report being read and considered it is ordered, that
the alterations established as aforesaid for a public High

To the Honorable Commissioners of Hampshire County at the
sessions held on the fourth day of June, A.D. 1861

Attest that the petition of the undersigned for a public
Highway and its vicinity, that the highway leading from the

E. Allen

John P. Allen

of Road for

between the

town of Southampton, by the house of Examiners to the town in said
Newspaper, or in some parts of it, printed, and in other parts for various
Your petitioners therefore request that you would proceed and make
such attention in such part as will make it of sufficient importance
to make the same by making such new part as may be necessary to
make up that a part as may be expedient, and discretion in
parts of the old part as may be necessary; and that you will
attend that the same appear in the printing accordingly as may be
necessary.

Signed

Wm Allen & Son

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the town
Commissioners held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of
June, A.D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, that said town
Commissioners meet at the house of N. M. Loomis in Newfield, on Wednesday
the 15th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the pur-
pose of proceeding to view, according to the terms of said petition
and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested
therein; and if the same shall be required to be of common con-
venience and necessity, to proceed to locate the most proper place
provided or herein intended objects to the same, and after locating,
to have, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested
upon the subject of said petition. Also, ordered, that notice be given
to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by pub-
lishing a copy of said petition and this order therein three weeks
successively, in the Springfield Gazette a newspaper printed in said
town, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before
the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the
Sheriff of said County is his deputy, serve the town Clerk of
Newfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order
therein, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places
in said town of Newfield an edict containing the substance
of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy, will make return hereof with
his return to N. Loomis, by the Chairman of said Commission
at or before the time of said meeting.

In order of the Commissioners

Richd. Phelps, Clerk.

That this petition was returned to the meeting of the Com-
missioners held at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October
A.D. 1841. And the Sheriff of the County, in pursuance of the
above order made his return as follows:

Newfield N. July 14, 1841. I served the town Clerk of
Newfield with an attested copy of the petition and order
of return therein, by giving the same to him, and also posted
up in two public places in said town an edict containing
the substance of said petition.

E. Allen, Sheriff.

At which meeting the town Commissioners made their
report in meeting, as follows:

Newfield August 12, 1841 The Commissioners of the

County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of meeting, in three several newspapers ^{inserted} in Springfield one of which was the Springfield Gazette, and published in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as is forth and required in said order of notice, having met at the time and place appointed, Patrick Weiss, one of the commissioners, being interested as a citizen of the town of Westfield in which said road is situate, did not sit on the subject matter of said petition; and Elzer Rockwell, having been summoned as Special Commissioner, appeared and acted thereon, and the board thus constituted, proceeded to view the places mentioned in said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition, the said commissioners were of opinion, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted; that said road be made and established of greater width; that a portion of new road be laid out and established, and certain parts of the now travelled road be discontinued: And the commissioners so adjourn in the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Lyons J. Fox } Commissioners
Herbes Kyle }

Elzer Rockwell Special Com.

At which meeting, it was ordered, That said commissioners meet at the House of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on Wednesday the 17th day of November next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, send the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his findings to Richard Blake, the Clerk of said

Commissioners at a before the time of said meeting
By Order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk
And this petition was returned to said meeting, and the Sheriff
of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return
as follows: "Hampden St. Oct. 13. 1844. I served the Town
of Hampden with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid
and deliver thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up
in two public places in said town an abstract containing the
substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time
of said meeting."

And now at this meeting the Commissioners make their report
in writing as follows:

Hampden St. November 17. 1844. The Commissioners of the
County of Hampden having previously adjudged that common
convenience and necessity required that that portion of the
petition, of which the following is a copy, be granted, and having
made and accepted their report accordingly; and having again
given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said
petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of
the Sheriff of said County of Hampden; and also by causing
to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, contain-
ing the substance thereof and of the foregoing order giving
notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting of the
Commissioners, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published
in said County, according to the provisions of law, required in
that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff,
and as mentioned in said order of notice: Patrick Boice
one of the Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of
the Town of Newfield, in which said road is situated, did not
act in the proceedings of the Court, and Uzal Lockwood, a
Special Commissioner, having been sworn in, appeared and
acted in his stead. And the Board of Commissioners, so
constituted met at the time and place mentioned in said
order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition
proceeded to locate and establish the alterations and amend-
ments as parts of said road, and to be established as a
Highway as follows (to wit):

Beginning at a stake on Nathaniel Barn's land, then
N. 80° W. 0.75 chains from a double Chestnut tree marked, which
is the East line of said road, and running S. 43° 30' W. 10.8 ch.
to a stake: N. 80° W. 0.75 ch. from a pine tree on the East
line of the road: then S. 13° 15' W. 11.90 ch. to a stake, bearing
north 69° 15' W of a clump of Oaks on the East line of the road:
S. 24° W. 7.25 chs to a stake at S.E. corner of Almon Clapp's
land; and on north side of the road leading to West Farms:
S. 18° W. 3.82 chs. to a stake, bearing S. 87° E. 0.09 ch. from the N.E.
corner of Elijah Carrier's House; then S. 11° 30' W. 38.86 ch. to a
stake standing 0.02 ch. East of Ezra Allen's ^{House} barn; then S. 44° 45' W
54.10 ch. to South side of Israel Sacket's fence; then on the

same course, 7.90 ch^s to said Sacket's south line; then on the same course, across said E. Allen's lot. And on said petition the Commissioners established an alteration on Clay hill, so called, by widening the now travelled road on the East side thereof; beginning at a maple staddle, marked, and running S. 46° W. 460 ch^s to an Oak tree marked, said alterations hereby established, are within the town of Westfield, and to be made, and the road thus altered, to be kept in repair, by the inhabitants of said Westfield. And after locating and establishing the alterations hereinbefore mentioned, as a part of said Road, the Commissioners, agreeable to notice, proceeded to hear all persons and corporations, making claims for damages and apportioned damages as follows (to wit)

To Nathaniel Barnes, four dollars and fifty five cents

Quartus Clapp four dollars and five cents

Joseph Ranger three dollars

Almon Clapp two dollars and fifty cents

Thomas Barnes eight dollars and seventy five cents

Elijah Barnes ten dollars thirty seven cents

Erna Allen sixteen dollars and fifty cents

Rainford Root four dollars and seven cents

Isaac Sacket twenty two dollars

And no other damages were apportioned. Till the first day of July next, were allowed for the owners of land to remove timber and other materials from said road. Said road is to be raised, by throwing up from the sides so that the travelled path shall be twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches. And in Clay hill ditches are to be made to carry off the water, and the same to be brought down to an elevation of not more than three degrees. The Centre of the travelled path, on said Clay hill to be carried further East, and the hill reduced by drawing dirt and gravel from the top thereof. The whole road to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of September next. All which is submitted.

Cyrus Wiley }
Joshua Hyde } Commrs

Wm. Rockwell Special Commr

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road and alterations established as a public Highway.

At the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
The undersigned inhabitants of Springfield and West Springfield
in said County, and South Hadley in the County of Hampshire
respectfully represent That a new High way of great width is long
at present the shortest course of Springfield and
wholly within that town, to extend from the water mill in
the West of Connecticut river easterly to the road leading
from the village at South Hadley to Springfield, is much
wanted to accommodate the Ferry there and the public generally
Therefore they pray that said new High way may be adjudged

J. Ely
Pet. for Road
in Springfield

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of common convenience and necessity, and laid out and established according to law.

Springfield, June 11. 1841.

Allynus South St. City. to Voters

The foregoing Petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of John J. Bishell at South Springfield on Tuesday the 17th day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said road. And it is further ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County by his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least and post up in two public places in said town, of Springfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Clerk of the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per Order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 14. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office, and also posted up in two public places, in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting. C. Bliss, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in meeting as follows.

Hampden Co. August 17. 1841. The County Commissioners of Hampden County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the

foregoing Order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in Springfield and published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice, having met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition: the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require the location and establishment of a Highway as prayed for in said petition: and they do adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Dorise }
Cyrus Snow } Commissioners
Phibes Tyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And at said meeting of the Commissioners, it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of John J. Bishop at South Entry Canal on Saturday the 20th day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations upon the subject of damages also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and past up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, the Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Rich^d Bly, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bly, Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting of the Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 18, 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his office, and also pasted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made

their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. November 20. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that common convenience and necessity required that the passage of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, be granted, and having made and accepted their Report, accordingly; and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden; and also, by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, according to the provisions of law required in that behalf, until as is directed in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice; having met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish as a common highway, a road, at the landing of the Swing Perry in Springfield, and near South Hadley Canal, to wit:

Beginning on the East Bank of Connecticut River, at low water mark, on the North side of the brook running into said river; thence North 28° East, sixteen Rods, to the Swing Perry guide post, on the High way leading from South Hadley Canal to Springfield; then North on said highway, 13° West, two rods to a stake; then W. 26° S. eight rods to the bank of the River; then on the bank of the river to the place of beginning. Said enclosed piece of land is hereby laid out to be used as a common Highway, to be made and kept in repair by the inhabitants of Springfield. And after locating said Highway, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons and corporations, claiming damages, agreeable to previous notice, who desired to be heard: And damages were assessed.

To Corey C. Smith of twenty five Dollars, he being the only person whose land was taken for said road. All which is submitted.

Patrick Davis }
 Cyrus Jones } Commissioners
 Nathaniel Taylor }

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as and for a public Highway.

S. H. Bond 1841
 1st for a
 road in
 Hampden.

At the Hon the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Palmer that the Springfield Road, leading from Locksick's Bridge, so called, in the South-westerly part of Palmer, to Warren line, by way of the center of the Town of said Palmer, is in many places

...and ... with very much ... and that ...
... certain alterations and ...
... be made ...
... Board ...
... and ...
... that the ...

Before June 15, 1841. Signed: John Hunt Talbot.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June 1841. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of Representatives in Palmyra, on Thursday the 12th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and also a notice thereof, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, have the town clerk of Palmyra, with an attested copy of said petition and this order therein, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Palmyra an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to S. B. White, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

For order of said Commissioners

Richd. D. Clark.

And the petition was returned to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the House of Representatives in Palmyra, on Wednesday the 10th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be

the prayer of the petition be granted by the Commissioners

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further days at least, before the time of said meeting.
And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or
his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested
copy of said petition and this order thereon, that he copy it
at least, and post up in two public places in said town an
abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen
days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff
or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his return to
Richd. Rice, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting.

By order of the said Commissioners

Richd. Rice Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order,
made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 4. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of
Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and copy of
notice thereon by leaving the same at his usual place of
abode, and also posted up in two public places in said town,
an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners
made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. November 11. 1841. The Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, having previously adjourned last
common convenience and necessity required, that the prayer
of the petition, of which this foregoing is a copy, be granted,
and having made and accepted their Report accordingly;
and having again given notice to all persons and corporations
interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the
foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and
also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, and of the
foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose
of the meeting of the Commissioners, in the Springfield
Republican, a Newspaper published in said County ac-
cording to the provisions of law required in that behalf
and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and
as mentioned in said order of notice. Cyrus Snow, one of
the Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the
Town of Palmer, in which said town is situate, said
Converse, a Special Commissioner, having been summoned,
appeared and acted in his stead. And the Board of Com-
missioners, so constituted, met at the time and place
mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject
matter of said petition, on the eleventh day of November,
aforesaid, proceeded to locate and establish as a common
Highway the road heretofore used and improved by the
First Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, as a Turnpike,
commencing at Foxcroft's Bridge as called, in Palmer,

and extending to the line of the town of Warren in the County of Herkiss
as the same was laid out for the use of said corporation; the said
corporation relinquishing their franchise on said turnpike by consent of
the officers thereof; and the said turnpike being established as an
Highway by consent of the Inhabitants of Palmyra, with the exception
however of that part of said turnpike where an alteration was
made and established by said Commissioners on the mores of said
petition, which said part of said turnpike was ordered by the
Commissioners to be discontinued. And said Commissioners
said and established an alteration on said road as follows:

Beginning at a point on said turnpike, on the South
side thereof South East of the house of Clark M^r Masters at the
west maple tree; then E. 23° N. forty eight rods; - E. 42° N. twenty
four rods; E. 44° N. twenty two rods and fifteen links, to O. M.
Ward's land; then N. 28° E. twenty one Rods, eleven links, to Rev^d
Samuel Backus' land; then N. 15° E. thirty and half rods to Moses
Barns land; then N. 16° E. eleven rods and nine links; then
N. 25° E. eleven Rods, till it intersects said turnpike, including
thirty rods of said Barns land. Said courses and distances are
taken on the South East side of said Road, and the same is laid
three rods wide. And after locating and establishing said alter-
ation as a part of said Road, the Commissioners, agreeable to
notice, proceeded to hear all persons and Corporations claiming
damages; and assessed damages in the sums and to the persons
as follows

Clark M^r Masters, One Hundred twenty four Dollars

O. M. Ward, fifty Dollars,

Rev^d Samuel Backus, seventy five Dollars

Moses Barns, twenty five Dollars.

And the Commissioners order and direct that the Road hereby
established as a highway, and formerly used as a turnpike,
be put in good and sufficient repair, by the Inhabitants of
Palmyra, and the same to be kept in repair by them hereafter, as
a Highway; And in the construction of the road hereby laid out
as an alteration, and located as a part of said Highway, the
Commissioners order that the travelled path be made twenty
feet wide, exclusive of Ditches. Said road to be raised
sufficiently crowning to carry water from the same into the
ditches. That sluices be formed of stone and of capacity to
carry off the water; also, that the Inhabitants of Palmyra
cause a dry Bridge to be builded on land of said M^r Masters,
for the passage of his cattle, and the convenience of pasturage
in such place as will best accommodate him. Said sluices
are to be made twenty two feet in length, and to be covered
with dirt or gravel to the height of not less than one foot;
the whole to be made in a good and substantial manner,
and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the
first of July next. And the Commissioners order, as spe-
cific repairs on the old road, that a bridge be built over
the brook near said M^r Masters, twenty four feet in length,

to be raised of sufficient height, and covered and that the Anselof road
West of said bridge be brought down and levelled. All which is
submitted

Patrick Boice?
Trubet Ryle

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the
alterations established as and for a public highway.

George S. Denny
of the County of Talbot

Hampden Co. to the County Commissioners within and for
in Talbot.

The petition of the above named person, that in
their opinion the public convenience and necessity require that a
new road be constructed, commencing near the depot of the Rail
road in Talbot; thence in a southerly direction across Quaker
Run until it intersects the road leading to Henson's Milling House,
at such a point as shall be judged best for the public good by
said Commissioners. All this we pray, that a view may be had
and that such other measures may be adopted, as shall be ne-
cessary, to carry the prayer of said petition into effect, and as
in this regard will ever pray.

April 7, 1841. George S. Denny & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
Commissioners, held at Springfield on the fourth Sunday of
June, A.D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that said
Commissioners do meet at the house of George S. Denny in Talbot
on Monday the 12th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said
petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations
interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of con-
siderable convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road, proposed
to be made, or portion thereof, abjunct to the same, and after
locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and cor-
porations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, to cause
that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested
in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and that
same shall be three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican
& Hampshire Herald in said county. The last publication to be
published seven days at least before the time of said meeting. And
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County to his Deputy,
or the Town Clerk of Talbot and Henson shall on or before
copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least,
and post up in two public places in said County of Talbot and
Henson, an abstract containing the substance of said petition,
seven days at least, before the time of said meeting. The
Sheriff or his Deputy will make return to us with his return
in writing to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at a future
time of said meeting.

See books of said Commissioners.

Wm. Bluff Clerk

The said petition was returned to the meeting of the Com-

meeting held at Springfield on the first Monday of October 1844.
The Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made
his return as follows.

Memorandum for July 13 1844. I serve the town clerks of Palmer &
Hampden each with an attested copy of this petition and order of
notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual place
of abode and also posted up in two public places in each
of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the commissioners made their report in writing
as follows.

Memorandum for August 12. 1844. The commissioners of the County
of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations
interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy
in season as is set forth in the foregoing return of the
Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said
petition together with the foregoing order, stating the time
place and purpose of the meeting, in three several newspa-
pers printed in Springfield, one of which was the Springfield
Republican and published in said County, according to the
provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and
required in said order of notice; having met at the time
and place appointed, Cyrus Knapp one of the commissioners
being absent as a citizen of the town of Palmer did not
act on the subject matter of said petition, and Marquis Converse,
a Special Commissioner, being summoned to act, appeared
and acted on the same; and the board thus constituted pro-
ceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and
having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corpo-
rations interested therein, who desired to be heard on the
subject matter of said petition, the said Commissioners were
of opinion that common convenience and necessity require,
that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a Road
leading from the Rail Road Depot in Palmer to the
Highway near the house of Charles F. Fay, and running
from thence to the meeting house in Hampden, be laid out
and established; and this so a Judge in the premises; and
jointly submitted their report.

Salick Briscoe
Pulver Style } Commissioners

Marquis Converse, Special Commr.

Which report being read and considered, is accepted and
the more justified of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Com-
missioners meet at the house of Abel S. Billings in Palmer
on Wednesday the 10th day of November, next, at 4 o'clock in
the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according
to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear
all persons and corporations interested upon the subject
of same. Also that notice be given to all persons

and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of Palmer and Worcester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thereby to cause at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, to the said clerks, to Rich^d Bliss, the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By Order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows.

Stamford, Conn. Oct. 4. 1841. I served the town clerks of Worcester and Palmer, each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at their usual place of abode, and also posted up, in two public places, in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Stamford, Connecticut December 12. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Stamford, having previously adjudged that certain petitions and necessary repairs that the Mayor of the City of Stamford the Board thereof, mentioned of which the foregoing is a copy be granted, and having made and accepted them upon accordingly, and having again given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Stamford and hereby causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and the foregoing order, giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf required, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order of notice, beyond that, one of the Commissioners, being called on as an Inhabitant of the Town of Palmer in which a part of said Road is situated, did not act, and although because a Justice Commissioner of said County having been summoned, for that purpose appeared and acted as his share on the board of Commissioners so constituted, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, on the twelfth day

of said road, proceeded to locate and establish as a common right of way. Situate partly in Monson and partly in Palmer, as follows to wit:

Beginning at a point on the Road leading North from the meeting House in Monson, a few rods East of Charles P. Fay's house, at a stake on the wall; then North $13\frac{1}{2}$ W. 14 R. to a stake; N. 4° W. 18 R. N. 2° W. $11\frac{1}{2}$ R.; N. 16° E. 28 R.; N. 19° E. 25 R.; N. 12° E. 64 R.; N. 31° E. 18 R.; N. 32° E. $11\frac{1}{25}$ R., over to P. Fay's land, to Jonathan Shaw's land; then N. 31° E. 14 R.; N. 20° E. 13 R.; N. $21\frac{1}{2}$ E. 31 R.; N. 21° E. 13 R. to G. Merrick's land; then N. 21° E. 8 R. to a stake; N. 28° E. 29 R.; N. 26° E. $19\frac{1}{25}$ R.; N. $10\frac{1}{2}$ E. $12\frac{1}{2}$ R. to corner of Wall; then N. 4° E. $19\frac{1}{25}$ R. to north west corner Merrick's barn; then N. 12° E. 6 R. to a stake; N. $27\frac{1}{2}$ E. $31\frac{1}{2}$ R. to Highway; same course $2\frac{3}{25}$ rods to land of F. Magan; then N. $21\frac{1}{4}$ E. 33 R. to a stake; N. 3° E. $14\frac{1}{2}$ R.; N. 4° W. 25 R.; N. 11° W. $29\frac{1}{25}$ R. to Spruce tree by Morgan's House; then N. 9° W. $19\frac{1}{2}$ R. to a stake; then N. $16\frac{1}{2}$ W. 30 rods; then N. $13\frac{1}{2}$ W. $27\frac{1}{2}$ R. to a stake; N. 15° W. $11\frac{1}{2}$ R.; N. $3\frac{1}{2}$ E. 12 R.; N. $10\frac{1}{2}$ E. $15\frac{1}{25}$ R.; E. 43° N. $9\frac{1}{25}$ R. to Chicopee River; then crossing the river at the fording place; and from River Bank E. 44° N. 40 R. to the Western Rail road at a stake a little west of Rail Road buildings at the depot in Palmer. Said road is laid three rods wide through Monson to the River, and from River to Rail Road two and half rods; And the courses are taken on the East line of the same. And after locating said road, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all claims for damages according to previous notice; and all persons who desired to be heard and made their apportionment of damages as follows.

To Cha^s P. Fay, two hundred dollars, subject to such deductions as may hereafter be made.

" Jonathan Shaw, fifty dollars.

" John Watson, twenty five dollars.

In the construction of said road, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide; that the ditches be made of sufficient capacity for the drain of water and thoroughly cleared; that the road be made sufficiently crowning; that the sluices be made of stone, and twenty feet in length; that the bridge to be built across the river be made eighteen feet wide in the clear; the wall of the abutments to be laid in the banks of the river six feet for the foundation, and to be carried to the height of the bridge; a pier of stone, or a trussel to be made in the center of the bridge; and the plank or floating of the bridge to be laid lengthways; that a dry bridge be constructed on the North side of the river in Palmer, twenty feet wide, and twenty four feet in length, to carry off the water; that the same be made with stone abutments and raised to sufficient height to be above high water, and that the road to be constructed on the North side of the river be raised to high water mark. The owner of land over which said road passes are to have as

time for clearing off this timber and other materials till the first day of July next. Said Road and bridges to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October next. And the Commissioners allow from the County, the sum of four hundred dollars, to be appropriated from the County, for the construction of said bridges, to be equally divided between the towns of Monson and Palmer, as which is submitted.

John H. Beebe, Commissioner
 Charles H. Hyle

Marquis Converse, Special Comm.

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as road for a public highway.

In Baldwin's
 Pet. for Road
 from Milbrough
 to R.R. Depot.

To the Hon the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of said County respectfully represents: That the road from John Baldwin's in Milbrough to the Rail Road Depot in Palmer is very crooked and hilly, and in many places is very much out of repair. They therefore ask your Honorable body, respectfully, to give the same and order such repairs and make such alteration in said road, as the public convenience may require.

May 15, 1841. Signed John Baldwin & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841. at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Horace A. Dwyer in Palmer, on Thursday the 13th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein: and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for: provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County. The last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Palmer, an abridgment containing the substance of said petition, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Court by the next term of said Commissioners, at or before

the time of said meeting

In order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Pilep. Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commissioners at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A.D. 1841. And the Clerk of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden Co. July 12th 1841. I served the town clerks of Palmyra, Monson and Wilbraham, each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual place of abode, and posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. August 12, 1841. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting in three Newspapers, one of which was the Springfield Republican, printed in Springfield, and published in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice by said order, one of the Commissioners of said County, being interested as a citizen of the town of Palmyra, in which said road is situated, Margus Converse, a Special Commissioner, having been summoned to appear and act in the premises, attended and acted with the other Commissioners who presented to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard upon the matter of said petition, the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted: that a Highway be laid out where the Donipike now runs, and that certain alterations from the present travelled road, and that specific repairs be made on said road; and the Commissioners do adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boice

James Hays } Commissioners

Margus Converse Special Com.

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it ^{was} ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Alfred S. Billings in Palmyra on Wednesday the 10th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and

corporations interested in the subject of said petition, also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper printed in said County the first publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of Milbraham and Palmer & Benson, each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Rich^d Bluffs, the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Bluffs, Clerk.

And this petition was Continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Feb. 9. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Milbraham, Palmer and Benson, each with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their last and usual places of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which last mentioned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. November 16th 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having previously adjudged that the public convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy be granted, and having made their report thereon; and having again given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition and of the foregoing order, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting of said Commissioners on said petition, and under said order, in the Springfield Republican a Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law, required in that behalf, and as is described in said return of said Sheriff, and as is mentioned in said order of notice: having met, according to said notice, at the time and place therein required, Augustus Jones, one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Palmer, in which a part of said road is situate, Marquis Converse a Special Commissioner, having been summoned to appear and act in his stead, did attend accordingly. And the Board of Commissioners, in consultation, proceeded to advise the premises for the

purpose of establishing the alterations and ordering the repairs as
ordered for in said petition. And having met, according to notice
previously given as aforesaid, the Commissioners then proceeded to treat
and establish the road from John Baldwins in Wilbraham to Palmer
Depot in the said towns as a common Highway; and all that part of
the road hitherto occupied and used by the said Massachusetts Turnpike
Company by consent and request of the Officers of said Corporation
the franchise was relinquished and by the consent of the inhabi-
tants of the towns of Wilbraham and Palmer, the said Turn-
pike road was established by said Commissioners as a
Highway through the said towns so far as the same had been
used and enjoyed as a turnpike as aforesaid. And the
said Commissioners further proceeded to establish an altera-
tion in said road as follows.

Beginning at a stake on the north side of said road
on land of John Baldwins in Wilbraham, seven rods and
half West of Twelve Mile brook; from thence East 19° S. 7 and
half rods to the west bank of said brook; thence the same
course across the brook to the East bank; thence to Butler's
land the same course seven rods to a stake; thence East
 12° South eight rods and six links to the road; thence the
same course across the road six rods to land of Ryncheon
Bliss; thence the same course seven rods to a stake;
thence E. $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ South fifteen rods and fifteen links to a
stake on the south side of the road. And the Commis-
sioners order and direct that the road in said alteration
so established be made by the inhabitants of Wilbraham
twenty feet in width for the travelled path; and that the
bridge to be constructed across Twelve Mile Brook be made
Eighteen feet wide in the clear, and that the whole be
done to the acceptance of the Commissioners. And the
Commissioners further order as specific repairs in said road,
that a good and sufficient railing be made on the north
line of the road near Chicopee River on the Dugway East
of Grovers house. Also the hill near Jesse P. Bliss house to
be brought down to a suitable grade; also the hill East
of Chauncey Kilbourn's, and east of Arnold Thayers in the
town of Wilbraham to be reduced to a grade of three degrees
at most, by the inhabitants of Wilbraham; and that the
hills near Doct^r Shearers and near Thayers in the town of
Palmer, be reduced, and the same in ascent not to exceed
three degrees. The whole road from said John Baldwins
house to the Depot in Palmer to be made, with the alter-
ations and repairs herein ordered, by the first day of July next
by the Inhabitants of Wilbraham and Palmer, so far as said
Turnpike and said repairs ordered are respectively situated
in said towns, and so far as said alterations, in said road
are established. The said Commissioners having given notice
for the hearing in damages to all persons and corporations
interested, and have ascertained damages.

Bulletin 5 Dollars
 - West 1000 10 Dollars
 - which is submitted.

Patrick Boice }
 J. C. Boyle }
 Margie Converse }
 which report being read and considered, it was ordered, that the
 same be introduced as and for a public testimony.

Order. Com.

Ordered, that Patrick Boice and Norman Astor be a
 Committee to deal with the county treasurer.

The following accounts were presented and allowed, and
 ordered to be paid out of the county treasury, viz

• Elijah Statio, Moore & Salt	1.71
• Bryant, Bluff & Candles for County	111.11
• J. T. Smith, the advertising	12.50
• Geo M. Callender, July & Printing Records	211.01
• J. H. Butler, Surveying	16.05
• Hunt & Baker work and materials Salt	89.93
• Jonathan Smith, Hattery work & materials	111.75
• Simon Smith work & materials	7.56
• J. P. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	4.37
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.15
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.25
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	12.30
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	1.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.15
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	1.25
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.50
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	3.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	3.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	16.75
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	20.51
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	12.11
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	62.50
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	76.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.32
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	2.67
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	1.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	10.00
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	13.20
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	5.50
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	11.38
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	41.80
• J. C. Smith, Hattery, to Salt	50.71

William Rice, one of last criminal prosecutions, 27th 53.
 June 7, 1844, on last of which point by the County is 27th 53.
 Sent to jail in the Boston Jail 27th 53.
 On June 7, 1844, is sent by the County is 27th 53.
 Sent Rice to jail on Governor's Order sent to the Prisoner 22, 24.

Memorandum for February 1st 1847. All matters not acted upon, are
 to be continued, and this Meeting is adjourned to the next day
 at 10 o'clock. Attest
 Richard Bluff, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

April 1847

Whereas, It is a meeting of the County Commissioners
 of Hampden, held at Springfield within and for the County
 of Hampden on the second Tuesday of April being the
 thirtieth day of said month, and from day to day to the fifteenth
 day of said April, in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and forty two.

By Patrick Davis Esq. Chairman.
 Cyrus Knox Esq. } County Commis.
 Forbes Kyle Esq. }

to the Commissioners of the County of Hampden. Attest
 The undersigned Subscribers do hereby and jointly, as set forth herein
 petition your Honorable Board, that you would grant us
 a Survey on location and damages, should we not be able to
 agree on a Committee. The petition refers to a tract located
 on your respected Board, leading from Warren line, near
 John County to Springfield meeting house.

Springfield Feb. 11, 1847
 Alfred Thomas
 A. H. & H. D. Briggs.
 Thomas Bluff.
 Lyman Briggs

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Whereas, It is the will of the Honorable Governor and Chief
 Justice, as provided within said County and interested
 persons

Meeting
 Whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for
 the County of Hampden, held at Springfield within and
 for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of April
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

city, and from day to day in the several days of March
 1841, Alvin Hornor, J. M. D. Smith, Thomas Dyer and James
 Gage, prepared their petition requesting that a jury might be
 appointed to view their damages, should they not be able to agree
 on a Committee in view of the location of the road leading
 from Warren line, near John Bradley to Devinfield meeting house,
 at which said meeting the said petitioners appeared and spent
 with the county commissioners upon John Smith, Hanson
 Hamilton and John Abbott, as a Committee a Committee should
 be named. It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners
 that you John Smith, Hanson Hamilton and John Abbott be a
 Committee to view the premises, and you are to be sworn to be
 faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages sustained
 by the said petitioners. And you are to give due notice to
 said Alvin Hornor, J. M. D. Smith, Thomas Dyer and James
 Gage of the time and place of your meeting, to view the prem-
 ises, and attend said service. The County not having appointed
 an agent to appear before you, requires no notice, and you
 are to make return of your sworn return, under your hands
 and seals to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be holden
 in said County next after you shall have completed your service
 by order of the County Commissioners.

Rich^d Dyer, Clerk.

Hampden, December 22, 1841. Personally appeared the within
 named John Smith, Hanson Hamilton and John Abbott
 and made oath that in the performance of their duties re-
 quired of them by the within warrant, they would act
 faithfully and impartially according to their best skills and
 judgment. Before Patrick Dorso, Just. of the Peace.
 At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County
 of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, the
 subscribers were appointed a Committee on the petition
 of Alvin Hornor, and others to estimate the damages sus-
 tained by said petitioners in the location of the road
 leading from Warren line near John Bradley to Devinfield
 meeting house, and to make such alterations in the location
 of said road, as they should think necessary or proper.
 In pursuance of said appointment, the Commissioners gave due
 notice to the petitioners of the time and place of their
 meeting, and on the twenty-second day of October aforesaid,
 they met the petitioners at the house of J. M. D. Smith
 at Devinfield in the appointment aforesaid. All of the petitioners
 were present. The Committee having been sworn to the
 faithful discharge of the duty assigned them, viewed
 the premises, and after hearing the petitioners
 and the agent of the County, on the subject, have
 made the following alterations in the location of said
 road to the County Commissioners to wit: Beginning
 at a stake and stones, two rods and two links South 47th West

from the nearest point of a large rock near Alured Homer's Meadow; thence South $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, twenty seven rods; thence South $14\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West ten rods and twelve links; thence South 22° West fifteen rods; thence South $25\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West sixteen rods and thirteen links; thence South $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West eleven rods and five links; thence South 37° West eighteen rods and seven links; thence South $29\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West, seventeen rods, five rods southeasterly from a large Walnut tree, and seventeen rods on the line of survey from the old road. The road to be three rods wide and the line surveyed is the centre of the same. And we have estimated the damages severally sustained by the petitioners as follows, to wit.

Syman Griggs, Two hundred and sixteen Dollars

Wm. H. Griggs Two hundred and thirty two dollars.

Thomas Blip, Three hundred and fourteen dollars

Alured Homer Five hundred and two dollars.

The petitioners requested the Committee to make the following alteration in the location made by the County Commissioners, to wit. Commencing at the old road on said location, at the place where said location crosses the same southerly of John Prouty's House; thence upon said old road and upon land of said Alured Homer and said Thomas Blip, on the most convenient place, and haping the Northerly side of said Thomas Blip's house to said old road thence on said old road, about one hundred and twenty rods, to the southern termination of said Commissioners location on said old road near the dwelling house of Syman Griggs. Said alteration as prayed for by said petitioners is wholly upon said old road, or the land of said Homer and Blip. The Committee refused to receive any evidence as to the propriety of said proposed alteration as the alteration would, in their opinion, be the laying out of a new road, and not an alteration as contemplated in the Statute in the location of the County Commissioners.

The legal costs of the petitioners in presenting their case to the Committee, amounted to the sum of eighteen Dollars and eighty seven cents, as appears by the bill of cost herewith transmitted. The Committee have allowed the sum of one dollar to W Solomon Homer L for his services as a Surveyor. The Committee have received from the petitioners sixty seven Dollars and twenty five cents for their services and expenses in performing the duty assigned them.

Witness our hands and seals at Danvers this twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

John Little Seal.

Isabel Abbott Seal.

Hanson Barnwell Seal.

Admiral J. Kent of Worcester Mass, Feb 2 1842 I certify that the
above Report was returned to the Court of Common Pleas at this
Court, and is filed in the Court, and accepted and entered
as returned to the Court of Commissioners

Attest

Richd Wiff Clerk

I certify
that the Court
of Springfield

I the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
do hereby certify that the Court of Common Pleas at this
Court, and is filed in the Court, and accepted and entered
as returned to the Court of Commissioners. And that the public good be
greatly benefited thereby, that report be returned to the Court
of Common Pleas at this Court, to run in a public notice, and
in a public notice, that, to give notice to the public, of the
Court of Common Pleas, and that you be aware that the Court
of Common Pleas is now and established here and is doing
Springfield December 1841.

Attest Thomas Rogers Clerk

The foregoing relation was taken at a meeting of the
Commissioners held at Springfield on the fourth instant in
December 1841. At which meeting it was ordered, that
said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on
Wednesday the 1st day of February next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of proceeding to hear according to the order of
said relation, and after coming to hear all persons and relations
interested therein, and of the same shall be required to be of com-
mon convenience and necessity, to proceed to hear in the Court
House for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and
after coming to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and
relations interested upon the subject of mortgages. Also ordered,
that notice be given to all persons and relations interested in
said relation by publishing a copy of said relation and said
order therein, three weeks successively in the Independent Dem-
ocrat, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting,
and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his
Deputy, send the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested
copy of said relation and the order thereon, thirty days at
least, and post up in two public places in said town, an ab-
stract containing the substance of said relation, fourteen days
at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff
or his Deputy will make return hereof with his stamps to
Richard Wiff, the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the
time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners
Richd Wiff Clerk

And this relation was continued to this meeting, and the
Deputy Sheriff in pursuance of the foregoing order made
his return as follows.

Springfield January 5 1842 I send the Town Clerk
of Springfield with an attested copy of this relation and order
of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also

read up in two public places in said town, on a board, containing the substance of said petition.

Attest: Attest. Sept. 2nd.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows to wit:

Memorandum of February 2, 1852. The County Commissioners of the said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the above return of Noah Brooks, a Deputy Sheriff in said County, and also by publishing in the Independent Democrat a newspaper published in said County a copy of said petition, and of the order hereto annexed, as the law directs, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as is fully set forth and covered in said order: met at the time and place mentioned therein, and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition; and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition who desired to be heard, and maturely considered the subject matter thereof, the said Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a road be laid out and established, according to the prayer thereof. And no person interested appearing to object to the establishment of the road proposed for in said petition, and the Commissioners not being made acquainted with any objection thereto, at the same time proceeded to lay out and establish a Highway as follows: Beginning on the westerly side of Walnut Street, at a stake standing N. 52° E. 5 Rods and 18 links from the Southeastly corner of Albert Rumrill's Dwelling House; also S. 31° W. 3 rods and 5 1/2 links from the Southwestly corner of Lucius C. Allen's house; and N. 19° W. 3 rods and 24 links from the northeastly corner of Thomas Rogers house; thence from said Stake S. 49° W. 64 rods and 21 links to a small Shrub Oak in an old ditch, marked; thence S. 57° W. 22 rods and 16 links crossing Pine Street to a mark on the division fence between the Sterns and the Ames lots; thence S. 79° W. 28 rods 14 links, following the general course of said division fence to Central Street. Said road is laid three rods wide and the Courses are on the Northly side of said roads. And after locating said road, the Commissioners heard all persons on claims for damages who desired to be heard, and awarded damages to the persons and in the sums as follows.

To Thomas Rogers	12 Dollars
" J. W. Brooks	15 "
" Asker O'Moore	5 "
" David Ames	30 "
" George A. Croley	5 "
" Samuel E. Sewall	5 "

and they should apply to your Court for a license to
April 27. 1862

Abel Cutkins

Oliver Sumner

John Ball

Alfred Dillingham

Henry T. Leary of Abel Cutkins

which petition being read and considered, is granted, with authority
to sell wine, beer, ale, cider, or any other fermented liquors.

George Denney is licensed as an innholder at the house
occupied by him on the Hill in Springfield.

Denney

John Bullock is licensed as an innholder at his house in
Middlebury.

Bullock

at the New County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Howe

The honorable respectfully represents to that Court, that
for the past six months he has kept the Mansion House
situated on State Street in Springfield on strictly temperance
principles; that he applied to the Selectmen of said Spring-
field for a full license as an innholder which they un-
favorably refused. After having given twenty four hours notice
to a majority of said Selectmen of this his intention he now
asks of that body to grant him license as an innholder
to sell wine, beer, ale, cider and any other fermented liquors,
believing that the public good requires that such license
should be granted, and as in duty bound would pray
Your Honor.

Which petition being read and considered, is granted, provided
the Drinking Men near the premises be removed.

Ellis Curtis is licensed as an innholder at the house
he now occupies in West Springfield.

Curtis

Simon Cotton is licensed as an innholder, with authority
to sell wine, beer, ale, cider, or any other fermented liquors at
his house in Longmeadow.

Cotton

He & Brooks are licensed as innholders at their
house in East Longmeadow.

Brooks

Thomas A. Chaffer is licensed as an innkeeper, at the
house called the Stamford Coffee House, in the town of
Stamford.

Chaffer

Chester Crafts is licensed as an innholder at his house
in the town of West Springfield.

Crafts

Hampden Co. Court of County Commissioners, Second
Tuesday of April 1862

Chaffer

In the Honorable County Commissioners for said County.

which petition being read and considered is granted with liberty to sell
Rum, brandy, wine, and other fermented liquors

Samuel Stanley is licensed as an innholder at his house in the
town of Newell

Stanley

In the Honorable Court of Courts, Term of Sessions in the County
of Hampshire, at a Court to be holden by authority of June 1842,

Anglen

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shews that the public
good would be promoted if the tavern house could be lawfully held in
the town of Andover should be licensed as a house of public entertainment
and he may be licensed by your Honorable
Court to keep the same with all the rights and privileges usually
granted to tavern keepers. The petitioner further shews that he
has made application to the selectmen in the town of Andover for
approval which they have unanimously refused to grant.
Springfield June 12. 1842.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 12th day of June 1842.

which petition being read and considered is granted with liberty
to sell rum, brandy, wine, and other fermented liquors

Charles Miller is licensed as an innholder at his house in the town of
Andover

Miller

Charles Miller is licensed as an innholder at his house a few
miles north of the Andover house in the town of Andover with authority
to sell rum, brandy, wine, and other fermented liquors.

Miller

William Miller is licensed as an innholder at his house in
Andover, Springfield

Miller

James Knapp is licensed as an innholder at the House now occupied
in the town of Andover with authority to sell rum, brandy, wine, and other
fermented liquors.

William H. Perkins is licensed as an innholder at the Stand in
the town of Andover, Springfield

Perkins

Charles Perkins is licensed as an innholder at his house
in the town of Andover, Springfield

Perkins

Edward Perkins is licensed as a common victualler in the
sacred town of Andover, Springfield, without authority to sell
fermented liquors.

Perkins

Frederick Stark is licensed as an innholder at the Northwold
House in the town of Springfield.

Stark

Henry Storking is licensed as an innholder at his house in
the town of Springfield

Storking

Wetmore All M. Wetmore is licensed as an innholder at the house he now occupies in West Springfield.

Gray Henry Gray is licensed as an innkeeper at the house he now occupies in Stamford.

Wormin Henry Wormin is licensed as an innholder at his house in Stamford West Springfield.

Decker C. F. & H. Decker are licensed as innholders at the house now occupied by them in the town of Springfield.

Wetmore Alah Wetmore is licensed as an innkeeper and common victualler at his stand in West Springfield.

Kimberly Ezra Kimberly is licensed as an innholder at his house at the upper table shops in the town of Springfield.

Chapman Lewis Chapman is licensed as an innholder at his house in the town of Springfield with authority to sell wine, beer, and other liquors.

Leemis Thomas Leemis is licensed as an innholder at the house he now occupies in the town of Springfield with authority to sell wine, beer, and other liquors.

Parsons Abel H. Parsons is licensed as an innholder at the house he now occupies in Westfield with authority to sell wine, beer, and other liquors.

Payson Benjamin Payson is licensed as an innholder at his house in Westfield with authority to sell wine, beer, and other liquors.

Johnson Benjamin Johnson is licensed as an innholder at his house in Westfield near the depot, with authority to sell wine, beer, and other liquors.

Cooley J. Cooley is licensed as an innholder at his dwelling house in Charnfield.

Clark James Clark is licensed as an innholder at the dwelling house occupied by him in Danville.

Phelps Joseph Phelps is licensed as an innholder at the house occupied by him in Danville.

A. P. Chedoke The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire at a session held on the 10th day of April, 1842.

The undersigned petitioners respectfully shew, that the

I hope your account that the American Mission Society have
 in the town of Springfield, and that it is now in the hands of your friends
 is correct. It is now in the hands of your friends. I hope the
 society will be able to do all the good they are capable of doing.
 I am, dear Sir, very respectfully,
 your obedient servant,
 J. E. Canton.

A. C. Camp, Jr.

Amount of losses being small and variable, is not printed.

The logs in Canada business being now better and profitable therefore it appears that the whole number of logs was some thousands by the usual and profitable way of making for a short distance to Canada & thereby saving millions. Still the fact that the business was profitable was declared by the Canada Commissioners & others, but it appears and is also true that the logs were in the hands of the Canadian Commissioners.

The following accounts were presented, and allowed
and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

[illegible]

In conformity to a resolve of the General Court
passed on the first — Aug. of March 2^d 1842 granting a
lay of Twelve Thousand four hundred Dollars in the county
of Middlesex: The same is distributed upon the several towns in
said County in manner following to-wit:

Stamford	527.41
Beimfield	572.54
Chesler	340.71
Granville	393.13
Heuvel	147.76

Longmeadow	282.23
Antioch	482.48
Windsor	819.75
Westborough	138.23
Uxbridge	344.85
Russell	175.60
Springfield	273.13
Andover	2008.85
Wales	22.40
Westfield	144.00
West Springfield	1224.51
Westham	1236.82
	511.25
	13461.60

And in order to be paid, said the Trustees of said
 A. S. 1842, directed to the Treasurer a list of the several
 towns in the County, directing them to address the same
 upon the instructions of their respective towns, and requiring
 their respective collectors or treasurers to send the same
 and pay the same to William Allen Esq. Treasurer
 of said County, or to the last day of August next
 ensuing, in the law direct.

Resolved for April 10, 1842. All matters
 not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting
 is adjourned without day.
 Attest: Peck, Clerk.

June 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. A meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty eighth day of said month, and from day to day is the second day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

By Patrick Wolfe Esq Chairman
Cyus Knox Esq } County Commissioners
Giles Hale Esq }

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden In testimony
The undersigned inhabitants of Chester, Blanford, Pelham, and vicinity, respectfully represent, that the road leading from Chester (Village) to Blanford Machine House, is very narrow, in Blanford broken and much in need of repair, and that the public would be greatly benefited by certain improvements and alterations in said road, within the limits of the Town of Blanford.

Wherefore your petitioners pray the Commissioners to view the premises as soon as may be, and make such alterations, improvements and specific repairs as may be deemed necessary for the public convenience.

Blanford August 1838

Signed Lewis Collins, & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first day of October A. D. 1838, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now this petition is dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden W. Mitchell

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Blanford, Pelham, and Chester, respectfully represent, that the public convenience and necessity require that a new county road be laid from the main road leading from Blanford to Bracket between the corner of the road near the house of Elijah B. Riney, and the house of Abner Gibbs, to the swampy road near the dwelling house of Samuel Santerson in Chester or if it shall be thought expedient to lay two roads one to run westerly from near said street, to near the house of Wm. Mitchell, and the other to run on or near the Town Road, leading to the house of Alfred Smith, and intersect the road prayed for, below the house of said Mitchell. We therefore pray that your Honors will view, lay out and establish said Road or roads, or such of them as may be judged necessary.

December 12th 1838

Signed

Wm. Mitchell & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A. D. 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now this petition is dismissed.

Robert
Pet. for attn
in road, in
Blandford

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.
The Subscribers respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require that alterations should be made in the roads leading from the center of Blandford to East and West Blandford. They therefore pray that the Commissioners would view said roads and locate and establish a new one, commencing nearly opposite the house of Chipman Whorton, and diverging so as to intersect both of the roads leading to those places, at such points as may be considered best; and that they would make such further alterations in them, within the limits of said town, as may be thought expedient, and we would also pray that such parts of said roads as may be deemed unnecessary, by the alterations prayed for, may be discontinued.
Blandford, December, 1838.

Signed

James Robson & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A. D. 1838, and continued from meeting to meeting, to this meeting. And now this petition is dismissed.

C. Crafton

Pet. for Road of
Hampden
at Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County

The undersigned, inhabitants of West Springfield and the vicinity, respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires a new road or considerable alterations and repairs in certain old roads from Springfield Bridge to Northampton, crossing the mountain at some point, south of Mount Tom. They therefore request your board to view said lay out and establish such new road, and make such alterations in the existing roads, as in your opinion shall be deemed expedient.

June 20. 1839.

Signed

Chester Craft & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

J. Parnham

Pet. for road in County of Hampden.

West Springfield

To the Board of County Commissioners for the

The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent, that the old County Road in West Springfield

leading from near the house occupied by Martin Chapin, across
the Mountain to East Hampton line is crooked and hilly; that
certain alterations in said road would be a great public
convenience, and that, by commencing near the House of Anna
Street, and running a westerly direction until it intersects
the old road, would avoid such hills. He therefore prays that
the Honorable Commissioners will allow said road and make
such alterations as may be thought just, and conducive to
the public good.

West Springfield October 2. 1837.

Signed

Shenandoe Pankham & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday
of October A. D. 1837, and continued from meeting to meeting
to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners
that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County
of Hampshire

Benjamin
Pet. for Road
in Ludlow

The subscribers, inhabitants of Ludlow and
vicinity, respectfully represent, that the public convenience
requires a more direct communication between Spring-
field and Delchester, by the way of Falls Bridge in
Ludlow; that a feasible route for a road running
westerly from near the house of Mr. Ray, and passing
near the houses of Solomon Town and Abner Cady and
others, in said Ludlow, to the line of the town of said Del-
chester, has been examined, and your petitioners believe
said route to be in every respect practicable for such
communication; and that by opening a Highway upon
or near said route there will be a saving of several
miles travel to the public.

Now petitioners, therefore, pray, that your Commis-
sioners, to view the premises make such alterations in the
old road, and look out and establish such pieces of
new road, upon or near the route above mentioned, as
in your opinion the public convenience and necessity
shall require.

Signed

Benj. Benck & others.

Ludlow Sept. 2. 1836.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first
Tuesday of October A. D. 1837, and continued from meeting
to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by
the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire

Benjamin
Pet. for a Road

The subscribers, would hereby represent to your honorable board, that there is a public Highway

leading from the center of Dedehatton in a southerly direction to the South line of Dedehatton, near the dwelling house of Solomon D. Howard, and there is no public road in this way to Ludlow; yet of necessity there is a traveled path over the lands of individuals from said South line of Dedehatton about one mile before reaching any public laid out road. Some petitioners would represent that a public highway is much needed from said South line of Dedehatton through Ludlow in a southerly direction, till it strikes the County road, leading from Filled's Tavern to Fells Bridge. We therefore pray your Honorable body to view said route, from the South line of Dedehatton in some convenient place, in a southerly direction towards Fells Bridge, and lay out a road where no road is now located, and make such alterations, and order such specific repairs on the road leading from Filled's Tavern in Ludlow to Fells Bridge as may seem needful and expedient.

Signed

Harriet Parsons & others

Ludlow Vt. 1839.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield on the first Monday of October, A.D. 1839, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

J. G. Dudley and
Pet. for alteration
in road in
Westfield

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
The undersigned respectfully represent that
the route of the Highway between the town of 1839
Dedehatton and Ludlow is very bad, and the way to Southampton is difficult to travel in winter, and the hills and exposure to snow in spring, by reason of their steepness, and that an alteration should be made by laying out a better one to further Westward, so as to avoid the hills, and as your Honorable body without increasing the distance therefore we pray you to view the route, and the alterations proposed and make such alterations as the public probably will deem expedient, and also to lay out a new road to South of the present Highway, as well in consequence become necessary.

Westfield, Nov. 1839

Signed

Joseph G. Dudley & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first Monday of June, A.D. 1840, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

To Hampshire
Pet. for P. of Hampshire
in Westfield

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County

The undersigned hereby represent, that a new road

a County way is needed from the Holey Forge in the East part
of Springfield to pass near the new bridge over a brook which
crosses the road recently built from Hartford
to Springfield, near where Kelle & Tubbell's land would pass there-
fore being that road from a small path with some trees but by
and wide enough to suit the purpose, as you shall think it
proper, and as the said road would be very

Springfield Feb. 9. 1840

Signed Stephen Townsend & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield on the first ^{evening} of
October 1839 ^{and continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners on the 22nd of} and ordered
that said commissioners with a view of the petition of S. D. Townsend
and Springfield in connection with the City of Hartford and of
Hartford to the government for the purpose of procuring to
be made according to the petition of said petition, and after seeing
to have all persons and corporations interested therein; and after
some time he changed to be of common convenience and he
refusing to proceed to make the road except for a small part
thereof interested in it as the same and the location of
it and more of meeting all persons and corporations inter-
ested in the petition of said petition. After deducting that notice
to give to the said petition and to the petitioners in said petition
by publication in copy of said petition and the notice herein, three
weeks previously to the expiration of a year after the date
said petition was last published to be at least seven days at least
before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that
the Clerk of said County in his Office receive the Town Clerk
of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and that
said Town Clerk copy same at least, and send it in two public
places in said town and also a copy of the substance
of said petition, printed up at least before the time of said
meeting. And the Clerk of said County will make public copy
with two copies to the Clerk of said County and at
least before the time of said meeting.

James H. Crockett, Chairman

And the petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners on the fourth meeting of June 3. 1841. and
the Clerk of said County in pursuance of the foregoing
order, made the return as follows:

Edmund J. Stone of said town of
Springfield, do hereby certify that I have sent the Town Clerk
of Springfield, with an attested copy of the petition above,
and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his
last and usual place of abode. I also having up in two
public places in said town, an attested copy of the
substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before
the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Clerk.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their
report on the petition, as follows:

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And the
of April last
at which

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Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by
leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up on the
public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance
of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said
meeting.
G. Rice Sheriff.

It which well availing the commonness made then copied in
the town as follows:

Resolved for June 2, 1842. The Commissioners of the County
of Hampshire having previously adjudged that common convenience
and necessity required that the mayor of said petition
as a part of said highway be described of the which the fore-
going is a copy as presented, and having made and accepted
that report, accordingly, and having given notice to all
persons and corporations interested in said petition in some
manner as set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of the
County of Hampshire, and also by causing to be published
an abstract of the copy of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, and of the foregoing order giving notice of the time,
place and purpose of the holding of the Commissioners in the
Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed and published in said
County, causing to be provisions of law in that behalf required,
and as is detailed in said return of the Sheriff, and as men-
tioned in said order of notice; met at the time and place
mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject
matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish
as a Common Highway, a road in Springfield as follows:
Beginning one and half rods North of the north
west corner of Elijah Lombard's barn, thence running on
the south side of said road. E 22° S. twenty three rods to
Stonebridge. E. 29° S. 8 rods - S. 40° E. 10 1/2 rods - S. 44 1/2° E. 14 1/2 rods -
E. 22° S. 13 1/2 rods - E. 12° N. 7 rods - E. 31° N. 4 rods to an Oak Staddle -
N. 41° E. 10 rods - N. 35° E. 6 rods 10 links - On Lorin Clark's land,
N. 22° E. 26 rods - N. 24° E. 16 rods 15 links - N. 33 1/2° E. 10 rods 9
links - N. 27° E. 12 1/2 rods - On Harvey Lombard's land, N. 39° E.
33 rods 13 links - N. 21° E. 7 1/2 rods 7 links - N. 26 1/2° E. 20 rods 5
links - On Samuel Lombard's land N. 26 1/2° E. 15 rods. N. 26° E.
10 rods - On Harvey Lombard's land N. 26° E. 9 rods - On Sam-
uel Lombard's N. 42 1/2° E. 11 rods - N. 45° E. 10 rods - N. 60 1/2° E. 12
rods - N. 72 1/2° E. 3 rods 7 links - E. 3° S. 9 rods - E. 15° S. 2 rods
10 links - E. 25 1/2° S. 6 rods. E. 1° N. 3 rods 15 links, to the North East
corner of S. Lombard's barn - E. 20° N. 39 rods 18 links - On
Erastus Lombard's land, E. 20° N. 15 rods to Sturbridge road.
Said road is laid three rods wide. After locating and
establishing the road as aforesaid, the Commissioners
agreeably to notice previously given, proceeded to hear
all persons and corporations, claiming damages, who
desired to be heard, and who made claim for dama-
ges by reason of the laying out of said road, and
they assessed damages to the persons, and in the
sums following:

To Loren Clark forty five Dollars	45.00
Henry Lombard forty Dollars	40.00
Gracilis Lombard twenty Dollars	20.00
Eight Ten Dollars	80.00

For the construction of said road, to be made by the inhabitants of Springfield, the Commissioners vote that the same shall be well made, sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that proper ditches be made of capacity sufficient to carry off the water; that a good bridge near School Lombard's house be constructed of sand or stone, so high as to be above freshets and the highest rise of water; that the stone and sand be taken from the bed of the road, and cleared from the ditches; and the whole made to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of June 1840. Owners of lands may have till the first day of December next, time to remove timber and other property.

Patrick Dwyer
Cyprus Knox } County Commissioners.
Charles Tyler }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Road established as and for a public Highway.

To the Honorable
Petition for
Road in
Montgomery.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.
The Subscribers respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires that a new road be laid in the town of Montgomery, in said County, to run a new road from the line of said Montgomery, from Northampton to the north line of said Montgomery; commencing at or near the Greenbridge, so called, in said Montgomery, and terminating at such point on the north line of said Montgomery, as may meet the terminus of said road from Northampton. Your petitioners therefore earnestly request you to lay down and lay said road.

Signed Thomas S. Hilditch & others.

October 25. 1840.

The foregoing petition was taken at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840. and contained from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

J. Baldwin &c

Petition for
alterations in

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.
I humbly represent, the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Wethersfield, that the road leading from the Wethersfield Five Mile House in Springfield, so called, to the Five Mile House in Wethersfield, so called, is, in many places narrow and circuitous, and that public convenience requires that certain alterations therein should be made.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that you will order

and make such alterations as the public good requires
Signed John Baldwin & others.

October 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
Board of Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of
October, A. D. 1840, and continued from meeting to meeting
to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners
that this petition be dismissed.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the S. Jefferson Co.
County of Hampden

We, the Subscribers, respectfully represent, that the alterations
road leading from the house of Capt Aaron Mason in the town of
town of Wilbraham, to the U. S. Army, in the town of Wilbraham to
Springfield, passing the Upper Waterworks, is in some places,
narrow, in other places narrow, and in bad condition. We there-
fore pray that your Board would forthwith, order the same, and
make such repairs, and make such alterations in said road
as the public convenience may require.

Wilbraham Nov. 12. 1841

Signed

Warner Safford & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
Board of Commissioners, at Springfield, on the second Tuesday
of Nov. A. D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that
said Commissioners meet at the house of John M. Leroy in
Wilbraham on the 28th day of May next at 10 o'clock in the
forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the
prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons
and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be
adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to
proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person
interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at
said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested
upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be
given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition
by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon,
three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspa-
per printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is
further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,
serve the Town Clerks of Wilbraham, Springfield and Longmead-
sboro each with an attested copy of said petition and this
order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public
places in said towns respectively an abstract containing the
substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the
time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make
return hereof, with his doings, to D. Dorse, Esq, the Chairman
of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

Per Order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Blife, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. April 24. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Milbraham, Springfield and Longmeadow each with an abstract copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving each a copy, and also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.
C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden Co. May 25. 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time and place and purpose of meeting, in the Springfield Gazette a Newspaper printed in Springfield and published in said County according to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice; having met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested, who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said petition: The said Commissioners are of opinion that common conveniences and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that specific repairs be made at Markham Hill, so called, and that alterations may be made in said road near the Horse Gate in Springfield for the convenience and accommodation of the public: and they so adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their Report.

Patrick Keefe }
Cyrenus Jones } Commissioners
Abner Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the repairs and alterations are established as a public Highway.

A. Chase, Sec.
Petition for
Road in Springfield

To the Hon Board of Commissioners for the County of Hampden Mass.
The undersigned inhabitants of the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require that a new Highway should be laid out, from near the house of William Crocker in Chicopee Street, to intersect the old County road that leads by Farmers Corners and repair and transfer said old road, to the present travelled road, near Alex Shuckers House. The present travelled road through Chicopee Street is very circuitous and some seasons of the year it is very clayey and soft, so as to

renders it almost impossible and the great increase of travel that will
probably be occasioned by the new improvements now making on South-
Hampden in the same route from Springfield to Southampton, will render
it very necessary that this cross road should be established immedi-
ately, which will shorten the travel about 180 rods in the distance
of 1720 rods, and the location will be on a ridge of ground every way
calculated to make a dry and permanent road, with but very little
expense. Wherefore Your petitioners pray, that after due proceedings
your Honorable Board will lay out and establish said Highway.
Signed John Chase & others.

Springfield Aug 3 1841

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners, at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of
June, A.D. 1841, and continued from meeting to meeting
to this meeting. And now the Commissioners order that this
petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Chapman
of Hampden Petition for

Your petitioner would respectfully represent, that in assessing and
the alteration of the county road in the town of Montgomer-
y by the Commissioners, on the petition of David Selym
and others, about one acre of land was taken, belonging
to your petitioner, and a great number of select and val-
uable fruit trees were destroyed, and your petitioner has
been compelled to make about twenty rods of new fence,
and is otherwise greatly inconvenienced and damaged in
and about his premises, by the altering of said road; that
the Commissioners in assessing damages, have allowed him but
fifty Dollars: a sum, as your petitioner thinks, bearing no
just proportion to the amount of injury done him: and he
asks that such further allowance may be made him as is
just and reasonable.

Montgomery, July 3rd 1841.

Signed

Nathan Chapman.

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday
of June, A.D. 1841, and continued from meeting to meeting to
this meeting. And now the Commissioners make this report
in writing as follows:

Hampden p. August 20 1841 The Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, having given to the said Chapman a
public hearing on the subject of damages, have allowed
to him the sum of forty eight Dollars in addition to the
amount before assessed to him as mentioned in the above
application.

Patrick Boicey

Cyrus Hovey

John Hovey

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

J. B. Avery
Pet for further

Montpelier

To the County Commissioners for the County of

Your petitioners beg leave to state, that the alteration of the County road in Montgomery, as made and established by the Commissioners in the petition of David Allen and others, crops land of your petitioners, taking about three fourths of an acre of land, on which were many large and valuable apple trees, and your petitioners is subjected to the making of about fifty rods of new fence, by the laying of said road, that the Commissioners, in assessing damages, have assessed against Twenty Dollars, a sum not equal to the expense of making the fence. Your petitioners is not satisfied with the sums of the Commissioners in the matter of his damages, and requests that your Honorable Board would make such further allowance as shall appear just and reasonable.

Signed

Thomas B. Avery

Montgomery June 21. 1841

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now the Commissioners make their Report in relation as follows:

Montpelier June 7. 1841. The County Commissioners on receiving of the within application have assessed to said Avery the sum of Twenty Seven Dollars, in addition to Twenty Dollars heretofore assessed, making in the whole forty seven Dollars in full of said damages.

C. Dorris

Cyrus Jones

James Doyle

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

J. Fowler et al

Pet for Road

County of

Montpelier

The subscribers request the County Commissioners of the County of Montpelier to locate and establish a road from Grant in Westfield Street in said Westfield, West of the House of Mrs. Bates to Rutland Bridge in said Westfield, and thence across Brandy Plain to Southbush.

James Fowler & another

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841, at which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the house of S. M. Parsons in Westfield on Monday the 23^d day of August next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road, mark for, provided, no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a

copy of said petition and this order thereon, then reads sufficiently in
the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County. The last pub-
lication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meet-
ing. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County to his
Deputy, serve the town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy
of said petition, and this order thereon thirty days at least, and
put up in two public places in said town, an abstract contain-
ing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least,
before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff, or his Deputy will
also return thereof, with his doings, to the Justice, by the Chair-
man of said Commissioners at or before the time of said
meeting.

In order of the Commissioners

Rich^d. Bliss, Clerk.

and this petition was considered at the meeting of the Com-
missioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842
before the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order, and was returned as follows:

Hampden, July 14. 1844. I found the town clerk of
Westfield with an attested copy of his petition and order
of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also
put up in two public places in said town an abstract
containing the substance of said petition.

G. F. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in
writing as follows: - Hampden, p. August 23. 1844. The
County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given
notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer
of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in pursuance
as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said
County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, to-
gether with the foregoing order stating the time and place
and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper called the
Hampden Post published weekly in said County, accord-
ing to the provisions of law in that behalf, and as set
forth and required in said order of notice, Patrick Bain,
Chairman of the Commissioners, being interested as a
citizen of the town of Westfield in which said road
is situate, did not act on said petition; And Hyal
Rockwell, a special Commissioner, was summoned to
act thereon; and the Board of Commissioners, thus
organized, met at the time and place mentioned in
said order, and proceeded to view the premises described in
said petition; and having viewed the same, and heard
all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired
to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, the said Com-
missioners were of opinion that common convenience
and necessity required, that the prayer of said petition
should be granted, and so adjudge in the man-

and accordingly submit their Report

Cyrus Knox

Herbes Kyle

Uzal Rockwell

} Commissioners

} Special Commissioners

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners met at the house of H. M. Parsons in Westfield, on Monday the 15th day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after satisfying to have all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and that said Town Clerk, days at least, and post up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with this copy to S. Bruce Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Ship. Clerk.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampton sp. April 26. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition, presented, and gave notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, some three fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Bruce Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows:

Hampton sp. May 30. 1842. The Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, having previously adjourned that same annual convenience and hereby required that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy be granted and having made and accepted their Report accordingly and having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampshire, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition containing the substance thereof and of the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners, in the

Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law, contained in that behalf, and as is described in said return of the Sheriff, and as mentioned in the return of notice, which said Governor of the Commonwealth being interested in the subject matter of said petition, as an inhabitant of Westfield, in which said road is situated, viz. that he should, a Special Commissioner was appointed to sit as one of the board of Commissioners, and the report so organized, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish a Road to be made, and used as a Common Highway, in said Westfield, described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Court Street, at a point in the middle or centre of the road, bearing N. 68° 45' W. 0.98 chains from the North West corner of Wm. Bates' house, and running in the centre line, S. 21° 15' W. 2.46 ch. on said Wm. Bates' land - 6.28 ch. on land of Elijah Bates - 0.36 ch. on land of said Wm. Bates - 2.54 ch. on land belonging to the Estate of Dr. Jas. Holland, deceased, 3.14 ch. on land of Henry Stites, and 13.57 ch. on land of Alvan Fowler to a point in Silver Street, bearing S. 84° 30' W. 0.92 ch. from the South West corner of Alvan Fowler's dwelling house, making the whole distance 28.35 ch. or 113¹/₂ rods. And after locating and establishing a road in manner aforesaid, the said Commissioners, agreeable to notice previously given, proceeded to hear all persons and corporations, who desired to be heard, and who made claim for damages, by reason of locating said Road. And they assessed damages to the persons, and in the sums as follows to wit:

To William W. Bates, two hundred and fifty Dollars.

Elijah Bates, one hundred and thirty five Dollars.

Henry Stites Ten Dollars.

Alvan Fowler, one hundred and seventy five Dollars.

Estate of Dr. James Holland seventy five Dollars.

Said road is laid three rods wide. In the construction of the aforesaid road, the Commissioners order that the travelled half be made twenty four feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and for this purpose, that the ground be broken twenty eight feet in width; that the travelled half be made gradually ascending to the centre; and that the centre of said road be raised at least two feet higher than the ditches; that the ditches be thoroughly cleared, and of uniform grade and level; that the ditches be made of sufficient capacity to carry off all the water that falls upon the road in rains, or that in any manner comes into the ditches; that said ditches be lined with stone or heavy timber, and at least twenty six feet in length; that whenever necessary to construct a small bridge, it shall be twenty six feet in length, and constructed with heavy timber; that in the low grounds in Bates' land and Alvan Fowler's, gravel of sufficient depth be spread upon the road by carting or otherwise, so that the road shall be dry and secured from mud. The

owners of lands, are permitted to remove timber trees, and other
property from the land comprised by said road, and are not to be
the least way of timber, such for that purpose. And more to be
made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the
first day of November next. All which is so ordered.

Cyrus Stone }
Stiles Hyde } County Commissioners

Wm. Rockwell Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted. And the
road established as well for a Public Highway -

Town of Benson
Petition for
Jury.

To the County Commissioners of the County
of Hampden.

One Town of Benson being aggrieved by the doing
of the Commissioners in relation to the laying of a highway
from near Charles St. Days, in Benson, to near the Lake in
the Town of Palmer, in said County, do hereby apply for a
Jury, or to agree upon a Committee, to discontinue or alter
the location of said Highway, as by law made and enacted
in such cases. By a vote of the said Town of Benson
the subscribers were directed to apply to your Honorable
body for the above purposes.

Joseph L. Reynolds }
William Steel } Selectmen of Benson

Benson April 12th 1892.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield on the 10th day of May
of 1892, and continued to this meeting. And now
it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

E. Ashley & Co
Petition for
Road in
Wilmington

To the County Commissioners for the County
of Hampden.

Whereas David P. Seal & others have presented a
petition for a new road to be laid out from the County
road, leading from Bridge Bridge to Southampton, to the
road leading across the Mountain from Marlboro' Hill to
Southampton, and in said petition have stated as was
stated for to certain names and in certain localities. The
petitioners, therefore, represent, that it is the Commission
necessity require a road to be laid in that vicinity. It should
be laid from near the house of Eliza Ashley near Seal
Brook, to the road leading from Southampton to Wilmington
field, near the angle thereof, and for from the house of
J. Huntington, or from some other point on said road
leading from Bridge Bridge to Southampton between Seal
Brook Brook, and the said road from Southampton and Wil-
mington field, across to said last mentioned road to some
point thereon. And therefore pray, that a quiet and such
other proceedings may be had in the premises, as the
law requires.

Eliza Ashley & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the commissioners at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was agreed, that said commissioners should at the time of their next or special meeting, the 1st day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of presenting to some committee to the mayor of said petition, and after passing to him and subject to a committee interested therein, in all the same shall be authorized to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road proposed, and connect the various interested objects to the same, and the meetings to be held at said place of meeting, all persons now or hereafter interested in the subject of said petition, shall be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and these orders therein, three weeks before the date of said meeting, in some paper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the date of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield and West Springfield each with an attested copy of said petition and these orders therein, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the date of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy shall make return with his doings to D. Worcester the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the date of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners
R. B. Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made this return as follows:

Westfield April 20 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and also order or orders therein, by giving the same to him, and on the 30th day of said April, I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and order of said Commission by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

W. Hill, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Hampden May 31. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having a like notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, making the

same place and purposes of the meeting in a newspaper.
 Since the foregoing resolutions were adopted and passed in and
 since according to the provisions of law in that behalf made
 and as it is held and known in said area of action, that
 said petition of the County Commissioners, an individual of
 said area, who is one of the said Commissioners, is a citizen
 of said area, and is interested in the same, and is not
 said petition. That the County Commissioners have
 commenced a lawsuit and other charges, and the County Commissioners
 have refused, and at the time said lawsuit was commenced
 and during said lawsuit the Commissioners and County Commissioners
 and said Commissioners have refused to be bound in the said
 matter of said petition, one of the officers of said area, in
 possession and custody do not require that said petition
 be returned in said petition to said area, and established, and
 they accordingly determine that no further proceedings be had
 in the premises; and that said petition be withdrawn, with
 costs against the petitioner, and accordingly submit their
 Report.

Superior Court,
 (Habeas Corpus)

Said Report being read and considered is accepted.

D. P. 1842
 Feb. 6. Dis.
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 Montgomery

is the then County Commissioners for the County
 of Montgomery.

The Subscribed Petitioner of Montgomery, hereby represents
 and that he has been sent from William Chapman to
 Nathaniel Lane, is not proper for the public good, and that the
 same has not been from meeting, that the road be dis-
 continued. We therefore humbly ask that you will proceed
 as soon as convenient, to order the same, and discontinue
 it, and if said road is not needed, it is not needed, for
 the public, as a duty bound, &c.

Brown Picket & others, } Selection of
 Montgomery, March 11, 1842. } Montgomery

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
 the Commissioners at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of
 April, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was voted that
 said Commissioners meet at the House of Henry Allen in
 Montgomery on Thursday the 2 day of June next, at 2
 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of meeting to view
 petition to the mayor of said petition, and after viewing
 to give all persons and corporations interested therein, and
 if the same shall be adjudged, to be of common convenience
 and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the same, and
 no other interested objects in the same. And ordered
 that notice be given to all persons and corporations inter-
 ested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said peti-
 tion and this order thereon, three weeks successively in
 the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said

County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of
said County in his capacity, give the Town Clerk of Montgomery with
an attested copy of said petition and also in the same study copy
at once to be read at in two public places in said County, ten at
least containing the substance of said petition fourteen days
at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff is in
duty bound to take pains to read said petition to the people,
the Commission of said Commissioners at or before the time
said meeting. By order of the Commissioners
David Estlin, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And
the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of said order made
his return as follows.

Montgomery, May 2^d 1842. I served the Town Clerk of
Montgomery with an attested copy of this petition and also
of said return, by leaving the same at his dwelling.
Wherein was also posted up, in two public places in said
County, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.
C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made this
report in meeting, as follows.

Montgomery, June 2^d 1842. The County Commissioners
of the County of Montgomery, having given notice to all per-
sons and corporations interested in the passage of the petition
of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County,
and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with
the foregoing return stating the time, place and purposes
of the meeting in a newspaper called the Springfield Re-
publican, printed and published weekly in said County
according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided,
and as is set forth and required in said order of notice,
and at the time and place mentioned in said order of
notice, and having received the promises, testified in
said petition and having heard all persons and corpora-
tions who desired to be heard on the subject matter of said
petition, the said Commissioners were of opinion that com-
mon convenience and expediency require that the prayer of
said petition be granted, and at the same time they so
adjudicated in the premises. And after viewing and
adjudicating upon the common convenience and ne-
cessity of discontinuing the Stagecoach as prayed for
in said petition and it appearing to them at the
time of making the premises, that no person interested
objected to the discontinuance of said Stagecoach, and
to the Commissioners proceeding at that time to act
further in the premises, the said Commissioners, there-
upon proceeded to discontinue the said Stagecoach, and
ordered that the said County Road from Nathan

Chapman's House in attending to the line of the same as Westfield be henceforth discontinued, and that it shall no longer be required of the inhabitants of attending to any other persons or corporations to maintain or keep the same in repair, except so much of said road as is now the same as said Aqueduct, and so is of the same, leading from the new and present travelled road to ^{the} latter road as called, in a westerly direction from said new road, which said road is to remain for public use, and to be kept open and repaired as before. No person or corporation appearing to claim damages by reason of the discontinuance of said Highway, no damages were assessed by the Commissioners. All which is submitted.

Samuel Driver

Ernest Driver

Patrick Kyle

County Commissioner

which report being read and considered, is accepted. And the Way discontinued.

Kimberly & Co.

E. Kimberly & Co. are licensed as Retailers for medicinal purposes only at their store in State Street, Springfield

Collins & Williams

Collins & Williams are licensed as Retailers at their store in Chester Village, with authority to sell for medicinal mechanical and religious purposes only.

Byrant, Bluff & Co.

Byrant, Bluff & Co. are licensed as Retailers at their store in State Street, to sell for medicinal and manufacturing purposes only, Springfield

Uphorn & Ingraham

Uphorn & Ingraham are licensed as Retailers to sell for medicinal and manufacturing purposes only at their store on the Ave., Springfield.

M. Chapin

Marvin Chapin is licensed as an Apothecary at the store formerly occupied by A. L. Chapin, main street, Springfield

A. L. Chapin

Abner L. Chapin is licensed as an Apothecary at the store formerly occupied by Marvin Chapin, Stateville, Springfield

H. Palmer

Henry Palmer is licensed as an Apothecary at his house in West Springfield

J. B. Brown

Joseph B. Brown is licensed as an Apothecary with authority to sell wine and fermented liquors only at his house in Springfield

W. L. Henshaw

William Henshaw is licensed as an Apothecary at the store formerly occupied by him in Stateville, Springfield

William A. Collins is licensed as an Innkeeper, to sell wine, & bottles
and unfermented liquors, at his Dwelling House in Chester Village

William Collins is licensed as a Retailer of the above & bottles
manufactured by him in Colchester for medicinal and manufacturing
and purposes only.

The following accounts were presented and allowed and
ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz:

Harvey Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Philip Andrews, May 2. 1842.	3.32
Juryman - A. J. Walker	3.31
Master J. Graves	2.31
A. G. Smith	1.37
Levin Mayden	1.37
John S. Chapman	1.37
Levin Fuller	1.37
Witnesses - Daniel Smith	.58
Philip Andrews	.58
Levin Andrews	.58
Orlsey Andrews	.58
Charles Thompson	.58
Constable - William Hartsfield, Corp. Warrant #.	1.56
John A. Bell, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Clara Bradley, Nov. 5. 1841.	3.20
" making Post Mort. Exam.	1.20
Juryman - James Bishop	1.33
Charles Tinker	1.33
Harvey Barnes	1.33
Harvey Smith	1.33
John Black	1.33
John Dickinson	1.33
Witnesses - Sharon Bradley	.53
Charles Bradley	.53
Samuel Hastings	.53
William Smith	.53
Allen Brown	.53
Edith Brown	.53
Francis Lewis	.53
Wm. Thompson	.53
Constable - Allen Barnes Corp. Warrant #.	2.58
Harvey Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body of Jane Butcher, May 30. 1842.	3.20
Juryman - David M. Bryant	1.37
David Barnes	1.37
Lyman Taylor	1.37
Eliza Adams	1.37
Henry Caldwell	1.37
Levin Dickinson	1.37

Members - James S. Bryant.	
Charles A. Hall	.58
Charles Simmons	.58
Lydia Elmore	.58
Mannah Harrington	.58
Frederic Comstock	.58
Melvin Simmons	.58
Isaac S. Chasen	.58
Arthur W. Ashen	.58
Anna's Corp	.58
Constable, A. Hubbard Long Mount &c	2.58
" P. Boise, as Agent at Princeton &c	10.00
" William Rice, Expenses to Boston &c	1.00
" Palmer & Clark, Sundries for Jail	10.30
" S. Webster, Drums	1.00
" Mr. H. Butler, as Surveyor	1.00
" Charles Brown, for Jail	1.50
" Caleb Rice, Sheriff, Salary of Motion &c	11.15
" Richard Ship, Clerk, Recording, &c	25.32
" Annasa Parsons, taking care of Court House	25.50
" H. Brown, matches, &c	51.

Thompson for July 2nd 1842. All matters not noted are, are intended to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Wm. A. Clark Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & held at Springfield in the first Tuesday of October A. D. eighteen hundred and forty two, being the fourth day of said month and continuing to the sixth day of said month.

By which Boice, Esq. Chairman
Osgood Tracy, Esq.
Forbes Hyde Esq. } County Commissioners -

At the Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Said Boice & Tracy

The Subscribers, inhabitants of Springfield in said County, hereby respectfully represent, that in the Commission expires that land in Springfield, to be located in the westerly part of said town, to commence near the house now occupied by Amos Blodget; thence westerly down the Valley of Pious Brook, to the most convenient place to the County road near the House of Samuel Shaw; distance about two hundred & fifty rods. We therefore respectfully request, your Honors to view said proposed route and make such location as you in your wisdom shall think proper.

Signed Daily Blodget & Co.

Springfield Oct. 31, 1840

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the petition from Amos Blodget & Co. as a part of the records of the County of Hampden.

A petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1840, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. D. Browning in Springfield, on Wednesday the 12 day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be judged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said date of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said road. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be given five days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners on or before the time of said meeting.

James W. Crocker, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the

County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June, 9th 1842
and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order,
made his return as follows,

Memorandum for June 5th 1842. I served the town clerk of Brimfield
with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of
court thereon, by reading the same at his last and usual
place or places. I also posted up in two public places in
said town, an abstract containing the substance of said
petition, more than 14 days before the term of holding
said meeting.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their
Report in writing, as follows:

Memorandum 14th June 7th 1842. The County Commissioners,
of the County of Hampshire, having given notice to all persons and
corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which the
enclosed is a copy in pursuance as is set forth in the foregoing return
of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of
said petition together with the foregoing order stating the time, place
and purpose of the meeting in a "booklet" called the Hampshire Book
published weekly in said County according to the provisions of law
in that behalf provided, and is set forth and required in said order
of notice, and the consideration of said petition having been continued
from time to time till the said seventh day of June aforesaid
when the Commissioners by a vote one of the Board being inter-
ested in the subject matter of said petition as the owner of land
over which said road may be located; Went Rockwell, a Special
Commissioner was selected to attend, and did attend and act as
one of the Board, and having viewed the premises described in
said petition, and heard all persons and corporations who desired to
be heard in the premises, and of opinion that the common conve-
nience and necessity requires that the prayer of said petition be
granted, and that he adjudged in the premises, and submit to
their Report accordingly.

Satrick Brewer

Forbes Style

Wm. Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Said Report being read and considered is accepted, and the
Board adjourned of common convenience and necessity. And at
said meeting, it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at
the time & place aforesaid, in Brimfield on Thursday the 18th day
of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of
proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and
after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon
the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all
persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing
an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and
place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively
in the Brimfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the

Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the holding of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows: Hampden sp. July 14. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon in leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. E. Rice, Sheriff.

at which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows. Hampden sp. August 18. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, endorsed hereon, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time place and purposes of the meeting agreeable to said order in a newspaper published weekly in said County called the Springfield Gazette, next at the time and place mentioned in said order and having, at a former meeting, adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the Highway according to the prayer of said petition, be laid out; proceeded to locate and establish a Highway in the town of Brimfield, as follows to wit:

Beginning at the County Road, near the Western Rail Road, at a Bridge near Symon Shaw's land; thence on said Shaw's land, S $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E thirty one rods 18 links to a stake E. 42° S 13 R. 2 L. - S $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 8 R. 11 L. to a rock - S 44° E. 5 R. 3 L. to a Hemlock Stake - E. 31° S 6 R. to a Hemlock - E 29° S 4 R. 17 L. to an Oak tree; E. 13° S. 8 R. 17 L. to a maple tree - E 9° S. 3 R. 7 L. - E 31° S. 5 R. 11 L. - E 30° S. 6 R. 17 L. - E. 25° S. 3 R. 15 L. - East to a Birch tree on the bank of Penny Brook 6 R. - E. 11° S. across the brook 6 R. 23 L. - E. $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. 8 R. 16 L. across the said Brook again to a rock - E 16° S. 7 R. 13 L. - E. 30° S. 20 R. 23 L. - E. 21° S. 8 R. - S 36° E. 10 R. 20 L. - S 15° E. 7 R. 22 L. - S 40° E. 6 R. 15 L. - E 33° S. 11 R. 7 L. - E 44° S. 11 R. 14 L. - S 39° E. 7 R. 15 L. - S 31° E. 8 R. - S 13° E. 10 R. 15 L. - S $18\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 4 R. 20 L. - S 27° E. 7 R. 16 L. - S 41° E. 13 R. 16 L. to the road leading to Dady Blodget's House. And after locating the Highway as aforesaid, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages - and assessed damages as follows, to wit.

To Symon Shaw

105 00

To Hanny Smith

7 00

The Commissioners direct, that the owners of land

require timber and other materials thereon, by the first day of June next, and that said Road be made convenient for travelling both as travelled both fourteen feet wide, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October next. All which is submitted.

Patrick Borden
Bynes Knox } County Commissioners-
Forbes Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a public Highway.

J. P. Seal & others
Petition for a
Road in West-
Springfield
from side of the
Mountain.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, The undersigned inhabitants of the counties of Hampden and Hampshire, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require, that a new road be laid out from the County Road leading from Wileys Bridge to Northampton commencing North of Russell Ewins barn, in Westfield, & running westerly, more said J. P. Seal's west barn; from thence, in the same direction, near to a bottomut tree standing in Elisha Ashleys Pasture; from thence to the County road leading across the mountain from West Springfield to Northampton, near Sards Winchells. The undersigned pray your Honors, that a view of said route, may be had, and after viewing said route, if your Honors think proper, to lay out said Road.

West Springfield, March 29, 1841

Signed J. P. Seal & others.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1841, at which Meeting it was entered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. P. Seal in West Springfield on Thursday the 19th day of August next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of the petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no persons interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said road. Also ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition once this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be previous days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, give the Town Clerks of West Springfield and Westfield, each with an attested copy of said petition, and then order them to lay it up at least, and post up in two public places in said towns of West Springfield & Westfield, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before

the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return
hereto with his charges to J. Davis Esq. the Chairman of said Com-
missioners at or before the time of said meeting.

The order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1842.
And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
Order made this return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 17. 1841. I served the town clerks of the
towns of Westfield & West Springfield, each, with an attested copy
of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the
same to them respectively, and on the same day I posted
up in two public places in each of said towns, an ab-
stract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in
writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. August 19. 1841. The County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and
Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which
the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set forth in
the foregoing Return of the Sheriff of said County, and
also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with
the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purposes of
of the meeting, in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, printed
and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions
of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and
required in said order of notice, Patrick Davis, Chairman of
the Commissioners, being interested in said petition, as an Inhab-
itant of the town of Westfield, in which a part of the Road
described in said petition is situated, did not act on said
petition; and Uzal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner being
summoned for that purpose, appeared and acted in the
premises. And the Commissioners, thus organized, met at
the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and
having received the premises, and heard all persons and
Corporations, on the subject of said petition, who desired
to be heard, were of opinion, that common convenience
and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be
granted, and they so adjudge in the premises, and submit
their report accordingly.

Cyrus Snow } County Commrs.
James Hyde }

Uzal Rockwell, Special Commissioner.

Which Report, being read and considered, is accepted, and
the way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners
meet at the house of S. Chapman in Westfield on Thursday
the 11th day of August next at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon,

for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the terms of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerks of West-
Springfield, Westfield each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least; and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return thereof, with his doings to the Clerks of said Commis-
sioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of said Commissioners.

Click T. Ship. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Wampden p. July 17. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of West-Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 15th day of July, 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the Commissioners made this report in writing, as follows, to wit,

Wampden p. August 11. 1842. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of the County, aforesaid herein enclosed by him, and also by causing to be published an abstract of said petition, together with the order of notice, heads annexed, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, of the Commission-
ers, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Springfield Gazette, as set forth in said order and as the law requires, and at the time and place mentioned in said order, -
Taluck Dore, one of the Commissioners, an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which a part of the highway located is situate and interested in said petition, did not act; and Abel Beckwith, a Special Commissioner of said County, being lawfully allowed and sworn in said petition, and the Board then constituted, pursuant to Article 2, High-

as follows.

Beginning at the northern termination at the centre of the road one and half rods S.E. from a maple tree, at the North corner of Aaron Ashley's lot, and running on said Ashley S. $45^{\circ} 45' W$ 4.50 Chas; parallel to and with the S.W. side of the stone wall, which is the N.W. line of said road; then S. $41^{\circ} W$ 17.24 chs, on Aaron Ashley, and 0.17 chs on Elisha Ashley. At the end of this distance, three black Oak staddles, standing on the North west line of the road at the angle; then on said Elisha, S. $34^{\circ} 15' W$ 16.05 chs. to a large Chestnut, standing on the N.W. line of the road. S. $38^{\circ} 15' W$ 5.00 chs. to opposite a birch tree, near a large spring; which tree bears from the centre of the road N. $51^{\circ} 45' W$ 0.44 chs; then S. $43^{\circ} 30' W$ 9.54 chs to Owen Burts land; then on said Burt 11.85 chs to a cross road, leading to Payne's Mills; then 0.50 chs. across said road to Owen Burts land; then on said Burts land 11.31 chs to Phelps Searls land; then on said Searls land 4.84 chs to a point bearing N. $88^{\circ} 30' W$ one and half rods from the N.W. corner of said Phelps Searls barn; the said N.W. corner of the barn being S.E. side of said road at the angle; the whole distance on the above course being 38.04 chs; then S. $42^{\circ} 15' W$ 16.25 chs on Phelps Searls land to the line of West Springfield and Westfield; at the North corner of Abijah Owen's lot; then on Roswell Owen's land, 10.00 chs. to a point bearing S. $87^{\circ} 15' W$ one and half rods from the N.W. corner of Roswell Owen's stable, on the West side of the barn, which is the southern termination; the distance of this last course is 26.25 chs. And after locating the High way as above described, the Commissioners, according to ^{the} previously given, heard all persons claiming damages, and assessed damages in the sums hereafter named and to the persons following;

To Elisha Ashley.

180.00

" Aaron Ashley

125.00

Said Highway is laid three rods wide. In the construction of said Highway, the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that convenient and spacious sluices be made twenty feet in length; that the owners of lands have time to remove timber and other materials, till the first day of June next; that Aaron Ashley have the right to make a dry bridge through said road, on his land. And the Commissioners order that said Road be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of October in the year 1843. All which is submitted and accepted.

Cyrus Knox }

Joshua Ryle }

County Commis^{rs}

Wesley Rockwell, Special Comm^r.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as a High way.

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Petition for a field and Easthampton, respectfully Represent, that public convenience
Road in
Westfield.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned inhabitants of the Towns of Westfield, Westspring-
and Easthampton, respectfully Represent, that public convenience
and necessity require, that a new road be laid, leaving the road leading
from Northampton to Worley's Bridge at or near the north side of a
farm owned by Samuel Arnold and occupied by Justice Blisk, and
running in a southwesterly course, over a thicket owned by Daniel &
Leonard Bush; thence in a southwesterly course about twenty or thirty rods
near the top of the main hill, and from thence in a southwesterly
straight to intersect the road leading from Northampton to Westfield, at
the top of Blay hill, is called. The undersigned pray your Honors that a
view may be had, and after viewing, if your Honors think proper, to
lay said road.

Westfield, Sept. 28th 1841

Signat

Abijah Green & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1841. At
which meeting it was Ordered that said Commissioners meet at the
house of J. M. Parsons in Westfield on Thursday the 15th day of November
next, at 4 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to
view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to
hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same
shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to
proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no person interested objects
to the same, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting
all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations
interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order thereon three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post
& Newspapers printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further
ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the
town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition
and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two
public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance
of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof
with his doings to Richard Blisk, the clerk of said Commis-
sioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of
the Commissioners.

Rich^d Blisk, Clerk.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to
the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday
of June A. D. 1842; and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance
of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 13. 1841. I served the Town clerk of Westfield
with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and notice
thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in
two public places in said town, an abstract containing the

of said petition more than 14 days before the time of
said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

at which meeting the commissioners make their Report in writing
as follows, to wit:

1. Resolved, That on September 18, 1891, the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all
persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition
of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner as is set
forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County,
and also by publishing a copy of said petition together
with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and pur-
pose of the meeting in a Newspaper called the Hampden
Post, printed and published weekly in said County, accord-
ing to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and
as is set forth and required in said Order of notice,
(Richard B. Rice, Chairman of the Commissioners, being an
inhabitant of Westfield, in which the Road mentioned in
said petition is situated, and interested as such; that
Herrick, a Special Commissioner, was summoned to act
on said petition and appeared and acted as one of the
Board, and the Commissioners then organized, and at
the time and place mentioned in said order of notice,
having read the premises, and heard all persons and
corporations on the subject of said petition, who desired to
be heard, and of opinion that common convenience and
necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted,
and then so adjudge in the premises, and submit their
report accordingly.

By your Honor's County Commissioners
Richard B. Rice

West Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted and
the way adjudge of common convenience and necessity.
At which meeting it was ordered, That that said Com-
missioners meet at the house of S. Chapman in Westfield,
on Friday the 15 day of August next, at 10 O'clock in the
forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according
to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear
all persons and corporations interested upon the Subject of
damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested in said petition by publishing an
abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and
place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively
in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said
County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting. And it is further Or-
dered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputies
serve the same to each of Westfield, with an attested copy
of said Petition and this order thereon, thirty days at
least; and post up in two public places in said

town; an abstract, containing the substance of said petition
presented days at least, before the time of said meeting.
The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof, with his
return to the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d B. B. Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting, and
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing
order, made his return as follows

Hampden Co. July 12. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of
Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order
of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also
posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract
containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners, made their Report in writing
as follows, to wit.

Hampden Co. August 12. 1842. The County Commis-
sioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice
to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which
the above is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of the
said County, now returned by him, and also by causing to be
published an abstract of said petition, containing an abstract
thereof, together with the order of notice made in said return,
the same place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners
in a newspaper published in said County, and the Springfield
Gazette, and at the time it was so published, in said County,
at Westfield, one of the Commissioners was interested as
an Intervenor of Westfield where said Highway is proposed for
and not yet, and that Westfield, one of the Commissioners
was interested to appear and set aside and set out
said petition, and the board thus constituted, proceeded to
locate and establish as a Highway a Road according to
the survey as follows. Beginning at Clay Hill, the center of
the Road bearing N 64° 45' E. 3.20 chains from a stone between and
near the junction of the roads leading from Westfield to North-
ampton and Cabotville, and running N 64° 45' E. 101.50 chs - S 84° 30' E.
2.23 chs - S 89° 15' E. 1.23 chs - N 75° 15' E. 1.20 chs - N 60° E 3.00 chs -
N 49° 45' E. 15.06 chs - N 44° 15' E. 3.44 chs - N 24° 30' E. 9.00 chs -
N 46° 45' E. 4.11 chs to Samuel Arnold's land; then on said
Arnold N 58° E. 3.00 chs - N 19° E 3.22 chs. N 34° 30' E. 6.40 chs -
N 49° 30' E. 1.80 chs - N 60° 30' E. 3.00 chs - N 72° 30' E. 1.82 chs - S 85° 30' E.
3.31 chs - S 69° 30' E. 8.07 chs - S 87° E 1.50 chs - S 89° 30' E. 13.54 chs -
S 69° 30' E. 8.14 chs to the North Eastern termination bearing from the
N.E. corner of Samuel Arnold's barn N 88° E. distance 0.96 chs;
And after locating the above described road the Commissioners
according to notice given, heard all persons claiming damages
and assessed damages to the persons and in the sums
following.

Wm. Williams	144	Marion Buckell	30
John Wells	146	Wm. Kellogg	144
Wm. Dwyer	144	Edwin	143
David Selvey	38	Edwin Smith	220
Samuel Selvey	320	Frank Carter	82
John Selvey	142	David Bush	1000
Wm. Selvey	148	Samuel Arnold	1840
Wm. Selvey	144		

The said Highway is laid out three rods wide, and in the construction of the road the Commissioners order that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. The owners of lands have time till the first day of June next, to remove timber and other materials thereon. And the Commissioners order that said road be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October 1843. All which is submitted and accepted.

Cyzer Jones }
 Forbes Kyle } County Commissioners
 Elgar Beckwith, Special Commissioner

which being read and considered is accepted, and the way established Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampton, S. H. Dwyer
 The undersigned inhabitants of the town of Benson & Palmer petition for respects to be made that the road leading from the Wm. Selvey attention near Benson meeting house, through the North Factory Village road to the Selvey Depot is circuitous, and some short patches which might be avoided by some little alteration in the location of the present travelled road, so that said road may be made nearly straight, and from the amount of travel on said road, the said Commissioners agree it to be so altered and improved. The undersigned hereby give notice that a view may be had, and such alterations made, as the public good requires.

Benson, Nov. 1. 1841

Signed Geo. M. Jones & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. 1841. ^{and continued to the meeting held on the second Tuesday of April 1842} At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Amos Jones in Benson, on Monday the 5th day of June next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and objections interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating to have at said place of meeting all persons and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages. Also, to cause that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy

of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerks of Meriden and Palmer, each with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his deors to J. Deane, the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1842, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampton p. May 4. 1842. I served the town clerks of Palmer and Meriden each, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sher^{ff}.

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report and rulings as follows.

Hampton p. June 10. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampton having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition, of which this foregoing is a copy, in pursuance as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of the County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order thereon, the time, place, and purposes of the meeting, in a newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, by and unto one of the Commissioners being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Palmer in which a part of the road mentioned in said petition is situated, did not yet shew, and Wm. Rockwell, Special Commissioner, being summoned, appeared and acted as one of the Board; and the Board of Commissioners, thus organized, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises described in said petition, and having heard all persons and corporations who desired to be heard on the subject matter thereof, and of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and

in regard to the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Charles Reese
Jesse Hyde

County Commissioners

Said report being read and considered, it accepted and the alterations and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity. At which meeting it was ordered, that said commissioners meet at the house of Amos Macpherson in Monson on Friday the 15th day of August next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering to create according to the prayer of said petition, and after making to view all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of canals. Also that notice be given to all persons or corporations interested in said petition by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks previously in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Monson & Palmer each with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon thirty days at least, and post it in two public places in said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return thereof, with his certificate to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Richd. Reep, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows. Hampden, ss. July 13. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Monson & Palmer each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon by giving the same to them, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

And at this meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report, as follows.

Hampden ss. August 10. 1842. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a copy, as is set forth in the return endorsed hereon by the Sheriff of said County, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof together with the order of notice hereby annexed. Making the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, according to said order of notice, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County called the Springfield Gazette, as the law requires, met at the time and place mentioned in

and order: And having at a former meeting, adjudged that convenience and necessity require that the alterations and repairs mentioned in said petition be made, proceeded to establish the alterations and locations, and direct the repairs as follows.

1st Alteration and location, beginning at a stake and stones, on the East line of the old Road, nearly opposite the Southern extremity of North Factory Pond, on land opposite the house of Dea. Amos W. Porter: - N. 37° E. 24 rods & 5 links, to a small Oak Staddle N. 51° E. 13 R. 15 L. to a stake and stones - N. 34° E. 28 r. to the corner of the door yard fence of the South Boarding house of the Factory, intersecting the East line of the old road on land of said Porter, or of the Monson & Brimfield Manufacturing Co.

2nd Location. Beginning at stake & stones, on the West line of the old road, southwesterly from the point where the South Branch of the Brimfield Road intersects the road described in line with a cross fence; thence N. 8° W. 7 Rods & 20 Links to stake & stones - N. $28\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 10 rods 17 L. to stake and stones - N. 39° W. 10 R. to stake & stones, intersecting the line of the old road, on land of R. Merrick.

3rd Location, beginning at a post marked, on the garden fence of E. Tenney, in Palmer, on the West side of the old road, about 2 Rods N.E. of a large Butternut tree; then N. 61° W. 2 R. 22 L. to stake & stones; then N. $75\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 2 R. 17 L. to a white Oak post in the Garden fence of said Tenney. And the Commissioners order and direct, as specific repairs on the road described in said petition - in the Town of Monson, a stone covering to the sluice near the Hery Leases to be made across the whole of the road; that the travelled path, south of Packard's Stone, be made ^{wider}, so that teams may have room for turning; that the Hill, south of Bridge, south of Gquire Thompson's be

graded, south of bridge, so that descent shall not exceed three degrees, by gravel or other substantial material; that the road on the hill opposite Whites' Grist mill, be carried to the East, and new travelled path made, Eastward of the present, the full width of the same, and the descent south be graded; that the point of the hill opposite Porter's Factory be removed; that the rise of land near Tho. Stebbins' house, be reduced, and the ground removed to aid the descent southerly of the same; that the road north of Irish Wards, made wider; that the road in the town of Palmer north of Chicopee River, be raised, by carting gravel, or other substantial materials; that a sufficient Railing be constructed on the high bank opposite the New House; that stone sluice, south of Tenneys, be extended; that a new stone sluice be made at north end of Causeway in said Palmer; that the whole of the travelled path, through said road, be so widened and constructed, that it shall be safe and convenient travelling to the width of twenty feet, exclusive of ditches. And the Commissioners give time till the first day of May

to the owners of lands, where locations are made, to remove fences and other materials thereon. The said new road, where said locations are made, and parts of said road, when repairs are ordered, to be made, and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October, 1843. And after making said locations, the Commissioners proceeded to hear all persons making claims for damages and expenses to be made for lands taken and injuries done to the owners as follows.

To Andrew H. Porter

45.00

E. Penney

15.00

All which is submitted

Patrick Boicey

Cyrus Knox

James Hays

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the locations established as and for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The subscribers respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require, that the road that leads from the Boston road, near the house of William S. Barker to Chispee Falls is narrow and hilly, and circuitous, and the great increase of travel renders it very necessary, that a new road, or alterations in the old one be made immediately, therefore, your petitioners pray, that after due proceedings, your Honorable board will lay out and establish said Highway.

Springfield Feb. 27, 1841

Signed,

William Foster & others,

A foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, A.D. 1842, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Henry Dunn in Springfield on Friday the 16 day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to hear, and answer to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road proposed; provided no person interested objects to the same; and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Washingtonian, a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting, and it is further ordered, that the Sheriff or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in five public places in said town, on a board containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy, will make return hereof with this return to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Richard S. Clark

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of the said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows. Hampden Co. April 24, 1842. I found the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order thereon by giving the same to him, and I posted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, some than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report as follows.

Hampden Co. June 10, 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order stating the time place and purposes of the meeting, in a newspaper called the Hampden Washingtonian, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf provided, and as is set forth and required in said order of notice, and at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having received the promises described in said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations who desired to be heard, on the subject matter of said petition, and of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and so adjudge in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Satwell Boice

Agnes Knox

Forbes Kyles

County Commissioners

which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Bond adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of H. Green in Springfield on Thursday the 25th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate, according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating, to hear all persons and Corporations interested upon the subject of damages, when that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampden Washingtonian, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, give the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, 14 days at least, and post up in two public places in

and an abstract containing the substance of said petition, from
was at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or
Deputy will make return hereof with his savings to the Chairman
of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting
by order of the Commissioners

Rich^d D. B. Clerk.

and the petition was continued to the meeting. and the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order
made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. July 26. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield
with an attested copy of the petition and order thereon,
by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public
places in said town an abstract containing the substance of
said petition

G. Rice Sheriff.

at which meeting, the Commissioners made their report in
writing, as follows.

Hampden Co. August 20. 1842. The Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons
interested in the subject of which the above is a copy, and
to be held in the town of the Sheriff of said County, hereon endorsed
by him, and also having caused to be published in the law re-
corder, an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof
together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time
place and purpose, of the meeting of the Commissioners, ac-
cording to said order, in a Newspaper published weekly in
said County, called the Hampden Washingtonian, and having
at a former meeting, adjudicated that the prayer of said
petition be granted and that certain alterations be made
in the Highway as now travelled, met at the time and
place mentioned in said order, proceeded to lay out and
establish the following locations to be made in said Highway
as follows and as is set forth in the survey hereto annexed.

Survey of a road, leading from Boston road, near the
house of Wm. Barker, to Chilcote Falls, made Sept. 20. 1842.

Beginning at a stake standing on the northerly side of
Boston road and near the center of the old road, and thence
N. 38° W. 2 rods & 5 links, to a black Oak tree, standing S. 88° 50' W.
112 feet from the southwest corner of Wm. S. Barker's dwelling
house; thence on the same course (N. 38° W.) 60 rods & 4 links to
black oak mark standing in the edge of the woods; thence
N. 52° W. 8 rods & 10 links to black oak mark; thence N. 61° 10' W.
10 rods & 23 links to a white oak mark; thence N. 73½° W. 8 rods &
21 links to white oak mark; thence N. 75° 10' W. 12 rods and 16 links
to white Oak mark; thence N. 69¼° W. 11 rods & 9 links, to yellow
pine mark; thence N. 71¼° W. 8 rods to yellow pine mark; thence
N. 89° W. 11 rods & 23 links, to yellow pine mark; thence S. 89¼° W.
11 rods & 11 links to yellow Oak mark; thence N. 83¼° W. 10 rods &
5 links to black Oak mark; thence N. 60¼° W. 12 rods & 10 links
to a small oak staddle on the northerly side of Rail Road
and near the Rail Road crossing; thence N. 47½° W. 15 rods &

11 links to a large Yellow pine mark; thence on the same course
 (N. $47\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W.) 24 rods & 2 links to a stake on southerly side of Old road;
 thence N. $34\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 25 rods & 23 links to Yellow pine mark; thence N. $64^{\circ} 10'$ W.
 9 rods & 22 links to yellow pine mark; thence N. 59° W. 12 rods & 16
 links to a stake on the southerly side of the old road; thence
 N. $52\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 40 rods & 16 links to a stake; thence N. $88\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 18 rods & 16
 links to a stake; thence N. $54\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 14 rods & 14 links to a stake; thence
 N. $38\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 12 rods & 8 links to a stake in an old stump; thence N. 27° W.
 11 rods & 26 links to a stake in an old stump; thence N. $46\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 20
 rods to Black Oak staddle mark; thence N. 63° W. 7 rods & 4 links to
 two Black Oak staddles mark, on the brow of the hill; thence N. $57\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W.
 20 rods to an Apple tree mark, standing on the "Old Paul Lee
 Simon's place", so called, and on the southerly side of side of the
 old travelled road; thence N. 55° W. 4 rods & 3 links to an Apple tree
 mark, in the meadow; thence N. $64\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 11 rods & 2 links to a stake
 near the bridge; thence S. $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 8 rods & 3 links, to a stake on the
 Westerly side of the brook, and near the said bridge, and on the
 southerly side of the old road; thence S. $41\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 13 rods & 18 links
 to a stake near the foot of the hill; thence S. 65° W. 7 rods to a stake;
 thence N. $88^{\circ} 40'$ W. 7 rods & 8 links to a stake in a stump on the top of
 the hill. The road for the eight last courses, is to be four rods wide;
 thence from said stake in the stump, N. $70\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 31 rods & 9 links to stake
 and stones; thence N. $70\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 8 rods & 2 links to stake & stones on the hill;
 thence N. $72\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 13 rods & 15 links to stake & stones on the side hill; thence
 N. $86\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 19 rods & 11 links, across a hollow to a stake; thence N. 7° W.
 13 rods to a stake; thence S. $77^{\circ} 40'$ W. 8 rods & 21 links to a stake; thence
 S. 69° W. 13 rods & 3 links to a stake; thence S. $80\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 36 rods & 14 links to
 a large yellow pine, a little northerly of Stittman Mungers Barn;
 thence S. 77° W. 11 rods & 23 links to a stake by an old stump; said
 stake being N. 77° W. 3 rods & $7\frac{1}{2}$ links from the Northerly corner of
 said Mungers Dwelling house; thence S. $89\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 9 rods & 8 links to a
 yellow pine mark; thence N. $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 15 rods & 15 links to yellow pine
 mark; thence N. 50° W. 17 rods & 5 links to yellow pine mark; thence
 N. $56\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 8 rods & twenty links, to yellow Oak mark; thence N. 53° W.
 13 rods & 8 links to a pine staddle mark; thence N. $78\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 8 rods &
 6 links to yellow pine mark; thence N. 88° W. 19 rods & 2 links to a
 small yellow Oak mark; thence N. $87^{\circ} 40'$ W. 10 rods & 23 links, to a
 yellow pine mark; thence N. 80° W. 8 rods & 24 links to a stake;
 thence N. $42\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 192 rods to a stake in the edge of the Woods;
 thence on the same course (N. $42\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W.) 63 rods & 8 links to a
 stake at the foot of the hill, and on the southerly side of the
 old road, near the intersection of the old road with the road leading
 from the Chester Cooley Place, to Chicopee Falls. The line thus far run,
 is the southerly side or left hand limits of the road, being laid
 out. Here we changed from the left hand limits to the right
 hand limits of the road, being laid out; and thence from the
 last mentioned stake N. $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 13 rods to a stake standing on the
 Northerly side of the road, leading from Chicopee Falls, to the
 "Chester Cooley Place" so called. And also on the northerly side
 of the road, being run, & by land of Theodore Williams; thence

from the last mentioned stake N. 69° W. 25 rods & 1 link, to a stake standing S. 87° 10' W. 34 3/4 feet from the Southwesterly corner of said Williams dwelling house; thence N. 47 1/4° W. 35 rods & 10 links, passing on the northerly side of said Williams old house, to a stake by a fence post on the Northerly side of the old road; thence by land of said Williams N. 48° 20' W. 44 rods to land of Joseph Groves; thence on land of said Groves, the same course (N. 41° 20' W) 6 rods & 8 links to a small maple tree mark, standing in said Groves don yard; thence on land of said Groves, N. 45° 10' W. 4 rods & 15 links to land of B. Sumner Jacobs; thence on land of said Jacobs, the same course (N. 45° 10' W) 11 rods & 17 links to land of said Williams; thence on land of said Williams, the same course (N. 45° 10' W) 8 rods & 10 links to a stake standing S. 25° W 6 feet from the centre of a small Walnut tree near the Southeastly corner of a lot of land owned by Hiram Mungar & Rufus Baker. The four last courses are on the northerly side or right hand limits of the road run. This road is laid three rods wide, with the exception of the eight courses before mentioned, as being laid four rods wide.

The take of Elisha Adams land for Road 40 sq rods

" " the Belchers " " " 10 " do

And after locating said Highway, the Commissioners bound all persons on their claims for damages who desired to be heard, and appointed assessors to the following persons injured in their lands by said location the wits:

Elisha Adams

25.00

J. A. Belcher & others

10.00

And the survey of land over which said Highway is located, have been for sawing timber and other materials, till the first day of June next. In the construction of said Highway the Commissioners were that the broadest path be made safe and smooth, eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that sluices and bridges, wherever necessary, be twenty feet wide in the clear, and that said Highway be finished and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of October 1843. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boase

Lynas Knox

Huber Kyle

County Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as and for a Highway.

J. Colby 1843

To the Hon the Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The subscribers represent that the road, leading from Westfield Station Green to a place called New Boston, in the town of Sun Road & Westfield is badly Stony, and circuitous, and that by making Westfield & New Boston and repairs in said Road, it can be made more level and easy for the public travel. We therefore request you to view the same, and make such alterations and repairs as to your Honorable board shall seem just.

June 12 1841

Sign

James C. Colby & others.

Westfield 129

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1841. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners should at the House of Assembly at Berlin T. in Brunswick, on Tuesday the 21st day of August at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the purview of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said road. Also, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Advertiser a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County & his Deputy serve the town clerks of Westfield, Brunswick & Sedon each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, that, same at least, one week before the said publication in said towns of Westfield, Brunswick and Sedon, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff & his Deputy will make return of what he has done, to H. Rice Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

In order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October 1841. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Ad. July 19. 1841. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 21st day of said July, I served the Town Clerks of Brunswick and Sedon, each with an attested copy of said petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their respective dwellings, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting, the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden Ad. August 24 1841. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the purview of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing Return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by publishing a copy of said petition

the with the foregoing data, stating the time, place and purposes
of the meeting in three several newspapers printed in Springfield and
which were the Hampshire Post and published in said County, ac-
cording to the provisions of the law in that behalf, and as did forth-
with proceed in said order of notice, having met at the time and
place appointed, proceeded to view the business presented in said
petition, and having viewed the same and heard all persons &
corporations interested in said petition, who desired to be heard,
on the subject matter thereof, the said Commissioners were of the
opinion that common convenience and necessity require that
the prayer of said petition be granted, to wit that certain alter-
ations and improvements may be made by establishing a line
of new road in the town of Holland and Granville, and that
part of the new road may, with advantage be con-
tinued. And they do certify in the premises, and accord-
ingly submit their report.

Richd. Davis

Lyman Allen County Commissioners

Barber Hyde

which report, being read and considered, is accepted, and the
alterations, subject of common convenience and necessity. A.D. 1842
and the petition was signed by the Commissioners, and the same was
at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet
at the House of J. B. Bailey in Granville on Saturday the 20th
day of August, next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose
of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and
after consulting to hear all persons and corporations interested, upon
the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all
persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing
an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and
place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively,
in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said
County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before
the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that
the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputies leave the Town
Clock of Westford Granville and Holland, each with an attested
copy of said petition, and that said Sheriff thereby stays at each
said place up in his public house in said town, an abstract
containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at
least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his
Deputies will make return hereof with his fees to the Clerk
of the Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.
By order of the Commissioners

Richd. Black Clerk.

And this Petition was returned to the meeting; and the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order
made this return, as follows:

Hampden Co. July 3, 1842 I served the Town Clocks of
Granville and Westford each, with an attested copy of this
petition and order of notice thereon, by means of the same
to them, and also posted in my public house in each of

and there on which, containing the substance of said petition
 on the 13th day of said July, before the town clerk, a certified
 copy of the petition, by the attorney and clerk of said court,
 and the same to him and the parties at the same time, and
 a certified copy of the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, clerk.

At which meeting the county commissioners were then kept
 in waiting, as follows:

Shawmut Co. August 21. 1862. The county commissioners of
 the said County having given notice to all persons and corpo-
 rations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy,
 as is set forth on the return of the sheriff of the County, above
 enclosed to them, and which being caused to be published, as
 the law requires, in abstract of said petition, containing the
 substance thereof, together with the order of notice made and
 issued, during the time, place and manner of the meeting of the
 Commissioners, according to said order, in a newspaper published
 weekly in said County, called the Hampshire Patriot, and
 having at a former meeting made an adjournment of the
 common convenience and necessity of certain locations, alter-
 ations and repairs, according to the prayer of said petition;
 and at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice,
 and proceeded to lay out and establish in a part of an High-
 way and to locate the same as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the western termination thereof, on the old High-
 way, on the mountain, west of Valley Brook, at a stake bearing
 S. 59° 30' W. 6.40 chains from a Chestnut tree marked, and running
 S. 37° E. 4.00 chs. to Augustus Baldwin's land; then on said Bal-
 win's land S. 39° 15' E. 3.00 chs; S. 46° 30' E. 2.00 chs. - S. 66° 45' E. 0.98 chs -
 S. 85° E. 1.13 chs - N. 65° E. 3.00 chs - N. 45° E. 4.75 chs - N. 42° 15' E. 7.00 chs -
 N. 38° E. 1.65 chs. to Luman S. Coe's land; then on said Coe N. 30° E.
 0.85 chs - N. 39° E. 2.35 chs - N. 58° E. 2.35 chs - N. 32° 45' E. 1.69 chs -
 N. 17° 30' E. 1.21 chs - N. 3° 15' E. 0.75 chs. N. 22° 45' E. 1.00 ch. at the end
 of this distance, west side of Road, East side of a large
 rock - N. 58° 30' E. 1.47 chs - N. 34° 45' E. 1.52 chs - N. 29° 15' E. 2.25 chs -
 N. 42° E. 0.20 chn. on L. S. Coe, and 1.92 chn on Taber Atkins,
 making the distance in this course, 2.12 chs - On said Atkins
 N. 57° 30' E. 2.11 chs - N. 79° 15' E. 3.83 chs - N. 88° 30' E. 1.47 chn - N. 62° 45' E.
 5.41 chs - S. 57° 45' E. 2.17 chs; add 0.95 chn. to the center of Valley
 Brook - N. 41° 30' E. 3.23 chs. to a black oak Staddle - N. 76° 30' E.
 0.50 chs - S. 68° E. 0.50 chn - S. 39° 15' E. 0.50 chn - S. 8° E. 0.50 chn -
 S. 1.90 chn - S. 37° W. 4.00 chs - S. 46° W. 1.13 chn - S. 13° W. 2.89 chs -
 S. 3° 15' E. 3.00 chs - S. 15° 30' E. 2.00 chs - S. 0° 30' E. 2.00 chs - S. 15° E.
 1.00 chn - S. 51° 30' E. 4.30 chs - S. 35° 15' E. 1.72 chs - S. 30° E. 4.34 chs -
 S. 48° E. 1.88 chs - S. 33° E. 2.95 chs to north side of old road;
 then on old road. S. 33° E. 1.85 chs - S. 40° E. 1.00 chn. to the
 eastern termination, at a stake bearing from a Butternut
 tree, on north side of road, to eastern termination
 S. 87° 30' W. 1.03 chs. Said line is run in the centre of
 said located road, which is laid three rods wide.

and after making the location, according to the above survey, the Commission-
ers proceeded to their duties in various ways, and to effect the same, and
make their assessment as follows:

Wm. C. & Jm. St. Pauline	116.00
Wm. C. & Jm. St. Pauline	70.00
Wm. C. & Jm. St. Pauline	100.00
Wm. C. & Jm. St. Pauline	200.00

The purpose of lands are allowed time for permanent location
and the location to the first day of July next. In this
construction of such roads, the Commissioners order that the
travelled path be made sixteen feet wide for safe and conven-
ient travelling, and to be made regularly
evening, so that the centre of the road shall be two feet
higher than the sides, that ditches shall be made and
many of them so shall carry off the water falling on the
road, and running from the townships, so that there need not
be made on the surface of the road; that said ditches be
of sufficient capacity, and thoroughly cleaned, with stone or
substantial plank, and to be eight feet in length; that the
travelled path on the side, on the east side of Valley Brook
be made sixteen feet in height, and not less than twelve feet
wide on the side, and not less than twenty feet wide on the
other side for passage with stone plantations, and have timber or other
plantations for covering, and a good and substantial railing on both
sides of the road. And the Commissioners being that said
road to be made and completed to the completion of the Commission-
ers on or before the first day of October, 1843. The Com-
missioners also order that the above order be made so
that the road to be made on the east side of the road
between the house and the house lately owned by the
estate; that the whole of said road to be made sixteen feet wide
between the sides, that new ditches be made on the side
and be cleaned, and all of them covered with stone, where there
material for the purpose can be had, and if not covered with
stone, to be covered with
stone plank, or substantial plank; that the side, at the east
end of woods, where the road leaves the brook, be reduced, so that
the location shall not exceed four acres. Said work to be
done and completed to the completion of the Commissioners
on or before the first of October 1843. And which is submitted,

Patrick Dwyer
James Dwyer } County Commissioners
James Dwyer }

Which Report, was read and considered, and the
way established, as was for a better Highway.

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J. Brown
Petition for
a Jury

In the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
Thos. H. Smith, Esq. Clerk, do hereby certify, that a road was located by said Board, on the 15th day of November, last, and across the land of said petitioners on the estate of said petitioners, running from the highway just east of the house of said petitioners, on the South side of said highway, thence along the same, but it again intersects the highway near the top of the Boston Mountains; that the damages assessed to said petitioners amount to the sum of one thousand and seventy-five Dollars, and the additional burden of creating a bridge upon said road; and said petitioners demand that the Board of assessors are insufficient to reimburse them for the sum so taken for said road and the expense of passing the same; therefore he prays that a Jury may be appointed to assess his said damages.
Tested, at West. Ill. 1842

Robert T. Smith

The foregoing petition was read at a meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the week Tuesday of Jan. 1st, 1842 - continued to the 15th inst. and on the 15th inst. the Commissioners met at their report in reading, as follows:

Resolved, that the petition of 1842, in the union application of the County Commissioners by agreement with the applicant, under the damages sustained by him, and make an addition of twenty-five Dollars to the sum heretofore assessed, so that the total sum assessed is two thousand Dollars.

Charles Smith

James H. Smith

Robert T. Smith

County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

J. Brown

Quincy Brown is licensed as an innholder in the town of West-
borough, at the house formerly occupied by Alexander Perkins, without
authority of the select officers.

J. Brown
Petition for
alterations in
Road in Westborough
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Alteration of the Road near Sandefield, and leading to West-
borough, in the Petition of James H. Smith, & others.

The Commissioners having ordered that Commission Commission
necessarily require that certain alterations, to be made, as by their
Report is stated on page 127. At a meeting of the Commissioners held
on the first Tuesday of October, 1841, it was ordered that said Com-
missioners meet at the house of Timothy H. Bradley Esq. in West-
borough on the 15th day of November next, at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the
purview of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons &
corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that
notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said
petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition, and a
notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting.
Three weeks subsequently in the Springfield Republican, a more
paper printed in said County, the last publication to be printed

at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerks of said Granville & Tolland, each, with an attested copy of said Order and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff of said County or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Rich^d Bliff the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden S. D. Oct. 9. 1841. I served the Town Clerks of Granville & Tolland each with an attested copy of said petition and Order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their usual places of abode, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 12th day of said October, I summoned the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid & order of notice thereon, by giving him the same, and I posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in substance as follows.

Hampden S. D. November 13 1841. The County Commissioners of Hampden having previously adjudged that common convenience was necessarily required that the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, (see page 127) be granted, and having made and accepted their report accordingly, and having given notice to all persons & corporations interested in manner as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by causing to be published an abstract of the copy of said petition containing the substance thereof and the foregoing order of notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting of the Commissioners, in the Springfield Republican & Newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law, in that behalf required, and as is described in said Return of said Sheriff, and as mentioned in said order, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to lay out and establish an alteration of the road from near Sandesfield lens, leading to Tolland, leaving the old road near the top of Sandesfield mountains, to wit.

Beginning on the West side of the old Road, at a Stake

in a stone Wall; then running S. 12° E. 6 chains, to a Walnut
 Staddle, then on same course 1.71 ch. to a stake near a stone wall;
 then S. 21° 30' E. 1.41 ch. - S. 38° E. 1.70 ch.; S. 48° 30' E. 1.35 ch.; S. 62° E. 1.32 ch.
 S. 72° 15' E. 1.77 ch. to a stake at N.E. corner of Stone Wall running South &
 West; then S. 86° 15' E. 0.75 ch.; N. 72° E. 0.85 ch.; N. 44° 15' E. 1.68 ch.;
 N. 39° 30' E. 2.18 ch. to the center of a large maple stump; then N. 25° 30' E.
 0.77 ch. to a maple tree; N. 42° E. 0.86 ch.; N. 62° 30' E. 0.85 ch.;
 N. 64° 45' E. 3.22 ch. to an Elm Staddle; N. 53° 15' E. 1.57 ch. to a soft Maple
 Tree; N. 37° 15' E. 2.20 ch.; N. 26° E. 2.08 ch. to north end of Stone Wall
 near the brook; N. 42° 30' E. 1.50 ch. to a dry birch tree east of bridge
 over the brook, where it enters the old road. Said courses and
 distances are taken on the south side of the road so laid out as
 an alteration; and the old road from where said alteration begins,
 to the point where it terminates, is hereby ordered to be discon-
 tinued, when said new road shall be completed & accepted.
 And the owners of land are allowed till the first day of August
 next to Remove timber and other materials from their lands. And
 after locating said Road, the Commissioners proceeded to hear
 all persons claiming damages, who desired to be heard, and
 assessed damages as follows:

to Stephen Leaning, one hundred & seventy five dollars.
 And the Commissioners order that said road be constructed
 eighteen feet wide for the smallest path exclusion of ditches; the
 rocks and stones to be removed from the bed of the road; the ditches
 to be made of stone, and of twenty feet in length. And if a log
 Bridge is to be made for the benefit of said Stephen Leaning, he
 is to be at the expense of building the same. The said road to be
 well made and completed by the inhabitants of the Town of
 Scotland to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day
 of September next. All which is submitted.

Salick Davis

Cyrus Rice

Robert Kyle

Commissioners

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
 Road and alterations established as and for a High way.

Accounts

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered
 to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz

to Jacob Clark Keeper of Jail support & of prisoners	174.12
" Caleb Rice, Sheriff, for serving Orders of notice	26.45
" Rich Bluff, Clerk for entries, Returns, Orders of notice &c	24.27
" Amasa Parsons, for attorney before Court, yet to be paid	29.00
" Harvey Butler, J. B. Kirkham & Ely M. Intier	3.00
for carrying chain to surveying Road, Milton Post & Intier	4.00
" C. A. Hammond surveying &c	26.50
" Wm. H. Butler	9.00
" Wm. Rice for 8 loads Saw Wood	16.00
" " hand for 2 Bn Coal for Probate Office	20

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Amended. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield, within and in the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, & from day to day to the twenty ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty two, and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of February A.D. 1843

By Patrick Boise Esq. Chairman
Cyrus Ames Esq.
Hobbes Ayfe Esq. County Commissioners

M. C. Safford
Petition for a
Road in Holland

At the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We your Petitioners, represent that public convenience & necessity require, the location of a new public Highway commencing at the Connecticut State line South East of Gardners Mills Mills in Holland, where it may intersect a contemplated road from Mass. C. Safford's dwelling House, passing said Safford's Mills, to the said State line; from thence westerly to intersect the old road from Holland to Union, in the most convenient place, and from thence make such alterations and repairs in the old road until you come to the first corner, westerly East of Eleazar Hinneys house in Holland, as you shall, in your judgment, see fit; and also discontinue, in order put in repair, the road from the tract south of Governor May's, westerly to the State line; and also discontinue all other roads or pieces of roads, which you deem, on the premises, being superfluous the necessity of. And you are respectfully requested to attend and view the premises as soon as your convenience will permit. We in duty bound, your petitioners will ever serve.

Dated at Holland } Signed Moses C. Safford & others,
April 4. 1842

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Eleazar Hinneys in Holland on Tuesday the 16th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience & necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. And ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition, and the order thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Intelligencer, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the draft of said

County in his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of said petition and then within thirty days at least, and post up in two public places, in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his return to Richard Bliff the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk;

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Thompson St. July 14. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Leves, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Thompson St. August 16. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Thompson, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County herein endorsed by him, and also, causing to be published a copy of said petition together with the order of notice ^{herein} ~~contained~~ ^{set forth} in it, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners in a Newspaper published weekly in said County called the "Herald Republican", as required by law in that behalf, and as set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and have well to view the petition and the roads and places mentioned in said petition; and having received the same and heard all persons and corporations who desired to be heard, the Commissioners were of opinion that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudge, and accordingly submit their reports

Richard B. Davis

Cyrus Street

James Kyle

County Commrs.

which report being read and considered was accepted and the Road & alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Elisha Herring in Holland on Tuesday the 15th day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all

persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, that notice is given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County by his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Holland, with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said ^{town} an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doing to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By Order of said Commissioners

Rich^d Balch, Clerk

And this petition was continued to this Meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct 15. 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden Co. November 15. 1842. The Commissioners of the County of Hampden having previously adjudged that common ^{and necessity} ~~convenience~~ required that the prayer of the petitioners of which the foregoing is a copy be granted, and having made and accepted their report accordingly, and having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by causing to be published an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, together with the foregoing order giving notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf, & as mentioned in said Order of notice, met at the time & place advertised in said order, and having considered the subject matter of said petition, proceeded to locate and establish a road to be made a common and public Highway, situate in the town of Holland, described as follows: Commencing at a stake and stones on the line between Union, in the state of Connecticut, and the Town of Holland, at the termination of a road recently laid out in said Union; thence $N 10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W$ 20 rods & 14 links to stake & stones, near the south bank of the stream;

thence N $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 35 R 9 S. to Stake & stones; thence N $1\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 42 R
7 S. to stake & stones; N $23\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 5 R to the centre of the travelled
path of the road leading from Rinaldo Wallis to Union line;
N $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 30 R; N $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 30 R to stake & stones at the end of a
Wall. N $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 9 R. 7 S. to an apple tree, the south side of the
highway leading by said Wallis; N 25° E. 66 R. to stake & stones;
N 25° E. 25 R to stake & stones; N $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 33 R. to stake & stones;
N 32° E. 34 R. to stake & stones; N 25° E. 36 R. to stake & stones;
N 37° E 36 R to stake & stones; N $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 24 R to stake & stones;
N $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 62 R to a Poplar tree, intersecting the old road near
the old Perrin house. The line of said road is run in the
centre, which is laid three Rods wide. Also an alteration
of old road, south of Kinney's Tavern. Beginning north of a
small bridge, at Stake & stones; then N 14° W. 6 R 18 S.; N $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W.
4 R. 20 S. to stake & stones; N 41° W. 7 R. 14 S. to stake & stones;
N $47\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 9 R. 17 S. to stake & stones, intersecting the old road.
Said courses and distances are taken on the west line
of said alteration, and on land of Rhodolphus Netter. And
after locating said Highway the Commissioners proceeded
to hear all persons claiming damages for injury to lands, who
made claims for damages, agreeably to notice previously
given, and adjudge damages to the following persons, to-wit:

Rinaldo Wallis, Fifteen Dollars
Cynthia Rosebrook, fifty Dollars
Augusta Wallis fifty Dollars
William S. Seymour twenty dollars
Stepheniah Greenwood Ninety Dollars
Robert Cotton twenty dollars.
Rhodolphus Netter, five dollars.

No other persons appearing to claim damages, none were
awarded to other persons.

In the Construction of said Highway, the Commissioners
order, that the travelled path be made sixteen feet wide
exclusive of ditches; to be raised sufficiently crowning
from the ditches, so that the centre be a foot and half
higher than the ditches; the bridges across the streams, to be
twenty feet wide, and made of good material and
plank, with stone abutments; the sluices to be eighteen
feet across the road, and to be covered with stone or
hewn timber, and stone abutments. And the Commis-
sioners allow and direct that one hundred & fifty dollars
be paid from the County Treasury in part for making
and completing said highway; and the residue to be
paid by the Town of Holland. Said road to be
made and finished to the acceptance of the Com-
missioners by the first day of November 1843; and
time is allowed till the first of August next to
owners of lands to remove timber, &c.

All which is submitted

Patrik Boisey
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Hobbes Kyle }

Which Report having been read and considered is accepted, and the Road established has a Highway.

County Estimate
For 1843.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1842.

The County Commissioners, taking into consideration the necessity of raising a County tax to defray the current expenses of the County for the Year next ensuing, have made an estimate of the same, as follows, (viz):

For payment of Grand and Inquest Jurors	3600.00
One third expense of criminal prosecutions	1000.00
Writs of Court for services and fees	200.00
Sheriffs, Deputies, Constables and view of jurors	900.00
Salaries of Clerks	150.00
Salaries for taking depositions	120.00
Printing miscell. and articles for jail	1000.00
Repairs of County buildings	200.00
Books Stationery &c. for County Officers	100.00
County Commissioners, Agents, Committees, &c.	1500.00
Damages for lands, fencing and locusts Highway	2500.00
Allowance to Towns for making Roads & Bridges	2000.00
Repairs of County Bridges	200.00
	<hr/> 13455.00

Debts outstanding against the County after deducting balance of taxes for the year 1842, and other available resources

1411.09

14866.09

Ways and means

Estimated receipts from taxes, fines, & forfeitures, and all other resources

County tax for the Year 1843. 14500.00 14866.09

The whole tax to be raised for defraying the expenses of the County for the Year 1843 is estimated as above at Fourteen thousand five hundred dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose; and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for approbation, and order according to the provisions of law in that behalf.

Patrik Boisey Chairman.

The following accounts were presented and allowed out of the fund of the County Treasury, viz

The Miller Rice, out of cost, in criminal prosecutions	
Jan. 1842, Feb. ady June, Oct. & Decm	852.28
L. B. Stanley the publishing petitions	19.00
James & Brothers 2 Reams Letter paper	9.00
Wm. Chapin the bundles &c	3.36
E. C. White printing blank, 1/2 Million (Postals)	2.00
W. H. Merriam, paper &c	32.28
E. H. King the bundles	1.76
Draper & Stanley Bookbds, &c	17.33
Samuel Smith Surveying in Manson &c	2.25
W. B. Bates, printing, & advertising	30.25
William Stone do do	22.75
W. H. Bates 2 bds. Nord Nord	5.00
H. C. V. S. 1 Year Junior physician for town & poor	10.00
Wm. H. Bates Surveying for County	5.50
Oliver B. Morris Aguarded privilege to Sept. 1842	6.00
Lyons Bros Cash paid & services taken care of County bridge	10.00
Richard B. B. Series of location &c &c	42.72
Endicott Series of Orders of notice, &c	13.25
Wm. Black survey Order notice of Thos. Rogers & others	1.13
Amos Parsons taking care of Court House, getting No. 12	37.12

Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders, at the American House, in Springfield

Warrant Day

Benjamin Nelson is licensed as an Innholder, at the new house in State Street Springfield

Warrant

Isaiah Goodwin is licensed to sell spirits for medicinal purposes, at his new store under Charles Hall, Colchester

Warrant

Resolved Feb. 13. 1843 All matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest

Rich^d B. B. Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and
helden at Springfield, within and for the County of Worcester in the
seventh Tuesday of April being the eleventh day of said April and
from day to day to the fourteenth day of said April, in the Year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three; and by
adjournment on the first day of June

By Patrick Davis Esq. Chairman

Cyrus Tracy Esq. } County Commissioners
Richard Hyde Esq. }

J. Hawkins
Petitioner for
Reestimation of
damages.

To the County Commissioners of Worcester County.

The undersigned represents that on the 25th June 1841, a Road
was established in Springfield by your board in the petition of
Ezra Richmond and others, from Walnut Street to Maple Street;
that your petitioner is interested in a lot of land, a part of
which was taken for said road, and at the time of locating the
same, it was not known that any part of said lot was so taken;
wherefore your petitioner did not apply for damages, as far as
the law provided in such cases, nor was he aware that any of
his land was so taken, till after he was barred by the Statute, from
making such application.

Your petitioner now prays the Commissioners to reestimate
damages on said Richards petition and allow such damages for lands
so taken, as may be just and proper.

John Hawkins

Springfield Oct. 1842.

The quantity of land taken, one & a half square rods.

C. A. Seaman, Surveyor.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the Commissioners
and the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Worcester ss. At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners
holden April 1843, the County Commissioners, on the foregoing petition,
after viewing the petition on the subject matter thereof, have
assessed damages to said Hawkins, in the sum of twenty dollars,
to be drawn from the Treasury of the County.

Patrick Davis;

Cyrus Tracy } County Commissioners.

Richard Hyde }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted.

Chapman

Levi Chapman is licensed as an Innholder, at his house on
Hawthorn Street in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell
any intoxicating drink.

Johnson

Symon Johnson is licensed as an Innholder at his stand
just north of the Rail Road near the V. R. in the town of Westfield,
without authority to sell any intoxicating liquor.

Joseph Taylor is licensed as an Innholder at his old stand in the west
end of Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Taylor

Wells Fowler is licensed as an Innholder, at the house lately occu-
pied by J. M. Parsons in the town of Westfield without authority to
sell any intoxicating liquors.

Fowler

Thomas Seemee is licensed as an Innholder at his house in the
west parish in the town of Westfield, without authority to sell any
intoxicating liquors.

Seemee

Samuel Marshall is licensed as a common victualler at
Samuel's Dwellings, on the Green, in the town of Westfield, with-
out authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Marshall

Edmund Shepard is licensed as a common victualler at the
basement of Soper's building, in the town of Westfield, without au-
thority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Shepard

Samuel Colton is licensed as a Taverner and Innholder
on the West parish, in the town of Longmeadow, without authority
to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Colton

Wm J. Brooks are licensed as Innholders in the East Parish
of the town of Longmeadow, at their present public house, without
authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

W J Brooks

Mrs Abigail Collins is licensed as an Innkeeper at her
dwelling house at Chester Village without any authority to sell
intoxicating drinks.

Collins

William Root is licensed as an Innholder and common
victualler at Chester Factory, near the Depot of the Western
Rail Road without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Root

Joseph Hazell is licensed as an Innholder and common
victualler at Chester Factory, about 75 rods from the Depot of
the Western Rail Road, in the town of Chester, without au-
thority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Hazell

William Weatherbee is licensed as an Innholder at the
house owned by Widow Beebe in the town of Southwick
without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Weatherbee

Alvanee Stocking is licensed as an Innholder at the
house lately occupied by Dudley Brown in the town of
Montgomery, without authority to sell any intoxicating
liquors.

Stocking

Finney Elisha Finney is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at his house a few rods west of the meeting House in the town of Haverhill, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Walker Enos Walker is licensed as an Innholder at his house called the Three Rivers Hotel, in the Three Rivers Village in Sumner, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Brown & Son Andrew Brown & Son are licensed as Innholders at Thetford Village, in the town of Salton, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Denney George A. Denney is licensed as an Innkeeper at his home in the town of Salton, at the hotel of the Western Rail Road without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Morrell John Morrell is licensed as an Innkeeper at the house occupied by him at Salton Depot in the town of Salton, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Turner Elias Turner is licensed as an Innkeeper at the house occupied by him in the Centre of the town of Salton, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Pickins Edwin J. Pickins is licensed as an Innkeeper at the house now occupied in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Winchell Hattie Winchell is licensed as an Innholder at her stand in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Crofts Charles Crofts is licensed as an Innholder, at his stand in Ireland Parish in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Allen Arnes Allen is licensed as an Innholder at his stand now occupied by him in the town of West Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Pattenburg Marcus M. Pattenburg is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied by him in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Carter Elias Carter is licensed as an Innkeeper at the stand now occupied by him in the town of West Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Molcell Frank Molcell is licensed as an Innholder, at the stand now occupied by him in the town of West Springfield, without

to sell any intoxicating liquors

Daniel A. Green is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied by him on the south east side of Main Street in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors

Green

John Coulburn is licensed as an Innholder at his stand in the town of Wilbraham, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Baldwin

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at his stand in the town of Wilbraham, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Fuller

Timothy M. Corley is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler at the dwelling house occupied by him in the town of Granville, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Corley 2^d

Francis Clark is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler at the house now occupied by him in the town of Granville, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Clark

Charles Phelps is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by him in the town of Granville, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Phelps

Lucy Tracy is licensed as an Innholder, at the house formerly kept by John C. Kingsley, in the town of Standford, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Tracy

Thomas S. Chaffer is licensed as an Innholder at the house called the Standford Coffee House, in the town of Standford, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Chaffer

Russell Hawley is licensed as an Innholder at the tavern now occupied by him in Russell, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Hawley

William Lindsey is licensed as an Innholder at the house called Lindsey the Last Best House in the east part of Standford near Chester Village, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Lindsey

Isaac M. Parsons is licensed as an Innholder at the Hampton Tavern House in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Parsons

Jerome Worcester is licensed as an Innholder at the United Warriner Hotel in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Worcester

Marion Chapin is licensed as an Innholder & Taverner at

Chapin

his house near the Rail Road Depot, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Bryce

Wm. Bryce is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Columbia Hotel, on the Hill, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Bonney

Joshua Bonney is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Franklin House on the Hill, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Walton

Benj. M. Walton is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Mission House on State Street in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Kimberly

E. M. Kimberly is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Village Hotel at the water shops in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Green

Henry Green is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Five Mile House in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Morgan & Day

Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders and Taverners at the American House, near the Depot, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

McKinney

Henry M. McKinney is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Mechanic Hotel, Water Street in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Jennings

Spencer Jennings is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Rail Road House, near the Depot, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Pondleton

Oliver Pondleton is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at his house in Millersville, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Miller

William Miller is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Connecticut River House, Colchester, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Chapin

Ethan S. Chapin is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Collet House, Colchester, in the town of Springfield without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Hayden

Lyons Hayden is licensed as an Innholder and Taverner at the Mission House, called the Bishop Place, in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Amos Adams is licensed as an dramholder and taverner at the
house kept by him in the town of Springfield, without authority to sell any
intoxicating liquors.

Amos Knapp is licensed as an dramholder at his house in Benson, without
authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Carvinius Miller is licensed as a common victualler in the town of
Hales, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

In conformity to a Resolve of the General Court, passed on
the twenty third day of March A. D. 1843, granting a tax of Fourteen
thousand and five hundred Dollars for the County of Hampden, the
same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in
proportion following, (viz)

Blamford	571.25
Brimfield	619.57
Chester	368.69
Dunstable	425.40
Holland	162.06
Lancaster	146.22
Ludlow	522.63
Mansfield	887.26
Northampton	149.40
Palmer	968.24
Russell	190.42
Westfield	425.40
Springfield	5,052.11
Holland	234.03
Hales	210.67
Westfield	1,324.81
West Springfield	1,332.91
Wilbraham	554.04

Just Warrants have issued dated the thirteenth day of May
A. D. 1843, directed to the Selectmen or Officers of the several
towns in the County directing them to assess the same upon the
inhabitants of their respective towns and requiring their respective
Collectors or Constables to collect the same and pay the same
to William Rice, Esq. County Treasurer or his successor or order
by the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and or-
dered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz.

Abiel Abbott, coroner, Inquisition upon the body of George Hoida, March 11. 1843.	3.00
Juryman Francis Cummings	1.31
Ebenezer Russell	1.31

	Green Simons	
	Simon Smith	1.31
	Cyrus Styer	1.31
	Edmund Freeman	1.31
Witnesses	Chester W. Chapin	1.31
	Elkanah Butler	.54
	Eli Morgan	.54
	Abijah Child	.54
	Walter Stanley	.54
	E. T. Peck	.54
	Charles Phelps	.54
Constable	William Hatfield, serving warrant, &c	1.78.
"	Jehiel Abbot, Coroner, making an examination of the body of Jane Blakeley's child, making post mortem examination, &c. and enquiring into the circumstances connected with its death	3.00
	Henry Chapin, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Hannah Goodwin March 23, 1843.	3.24
Juryman	Josiah Hucker Freeman	1.37
	Edwina A. Harris	1.37
	Green Simons	1.37
	Justin Sackett	1.37
	Henry Hovey	1.37
	David Barber	1.37
Witnesses	Benjamin F. Goodwin	.55
	Amos B. Frost	.55
	Julia A. Goodwin	.55
Constable	William Hatfield, summoning Jurors &c	1.38
"	Book Clerk Undertaker of Isaac Ephraim White 1 st of 1843	676.11
"	Keeping Calhoun Ryan, Lunatic 24 weeks 2 days	45.00
"	J. H. Butler, paper	6.12
"	A. King, Alphabet, &c	1.31
"	J. M. Gallender, Binding Records &c	17.75
"	A. Allen advertising Receipts & Expenditures, County 1843	3.00
"	Graben & Bailey Sundries for jail	34.35
"	Assess & Collectors paper W. Rice	11.50
"	Palma & Clark Sundry Bleaching, Prisoners	13.00
"	Styer & Co Sundries County House	17.25
"	Hatfield & Goodwin Shirts do do	5.00
"	E. W. Green 36 Sights of blasp. &c do	2.50
"	E. Blake Shoes do do	2.67
"	E. Frost Hastings Constable	1.50
"	J. & I. Brown Sundries Jail & Court House	3.96
"	Overseers House of Correction, sundries 1 Year to 31 st 1842	15.00
"	J. Brown & Co rails, Jail	.65
"	Print & printing Probate Office	1.87
"	E. J. Brooks 1/2 Wood	19.50

To Bill Chapman the Senate Court House	5.00
To Bill Chapman the Senate Court House	21.24
To Bill Chapman the Senate Court House	7.75
To Bill Chapman the Senate Court House	75
To Bill Chapman the Senate Court House	115.12

Hampton Jr. June 1. 1843. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest
 Nick Bliss, Clerk.



HALL OF JUSTICE
 50 STATE STREET
 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01103-2021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

REGISTER OF DEEDS

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty seventh day of said month, and from day to day to the thirtieth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of August, by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August, by adjournment on the 6th day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

By Patrick Boise, Esq. Chairman.

Cyrus Knox Esq. } County Commissioners
 Thos. Tyler Esq. }

I Willard & others
 Petitioners for
 Alterations in
 Court House.

To the Hon Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that the public conveniences and necessity does, in our opinion, require, that the Court House in said County should be so altered and enlarged as to enable persons to pass into the Hall below, by a passage way in rear of the bench and bar, and also, so as to admit of convenient ante-rooms on the second floor, situated also in rear of the Bench. We therefore pray, your Honors to view, and take such order in the premises, as to you may be deemed meet and proper. Dated at Springfield this 22nd day of Feby. 1838.

Signed

A Willard & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of Decr. A.D. 1837 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

By John & others
 Petitioners for
 Roads in
 W. Springfield.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
 Respectfully represent your petitioners, that the old road from Horse Bluff Shop, to Silas Parsons' house, is crooked and hilly, and that the same might be so altered as to be more convenient for the travel; that the road from Jones' Ferry to the house of Brigham Day, is narrow and crooked, and that the same might be widened and straightened; that the road from said Ferry to Stillman's line, passing Crafts Tavern, is crooked, hilly, and out of repair, and that the same might be straightened and otherwise altered and repaired. They therefore pray, that these several roads may be viewed, and such alterations, discontinuances and repairs ordered and made as shall be thought for the public good. They further represent, that the old road from Riley Brook over the hill towards Jones' Ferry, to its intersection with the present travelled road, may be discontinued. They therefore pray, that the same may be discontinued. Said roads are all in W. Springfield.

Signed

John & others.

Apr. 2 1838.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the

County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, 1838 and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The undersigned represent that the present travel path from the
Hampden House on the first Parish in West Springfield, to Hervey
Smith's is crooked and very much out of repair: that the road
from West Smith to Ezra Bradley's requires an alteration. They
therefore pray that your Board would forthwith view the same,
and order such repairs and make such alterations in said
road as the public convenience seems to require.

Signed

Hervey Smith and others.

West Springfield July 10 1834.

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County
Commissioners at Springfield on the first Tuesday of Octo-
ber A. D. 1834. and continued from meeting to meeting to
this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, that
this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The undersigned respectfully represent, that the convenience
and necessity requires a new Highway in Feeding Hills,
commencing near James A. Palmer's house, and running
easterly near Gordon White's house, and to intersect the
County Road on the plain. Your petitioners therefore pray the hon-
orable Commission to view the premises and lay said Highway as soon
as convenient: also to view the Deep-gutter Road so called, and
alter it to the same.

Signed

Spencer Flower & others.

West Springfield April 1st 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of
April A. D. 1840. and continued from meeting to meeting to this
meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this peti-
tion be dismissed.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden.

Your petitioners do hereby request that you would view
a route for a new Road leading direct from Alfred Lum-
bards barn in Barnfield, westerly, to intersect the new Road
leading from Holland to Barnfield, which, in the opinion
of your petitioners, would greatly improve the present travel
road from Alfred Lumbards to Genes Holbrooks, which now is
very crooked and hilly and also very muddy in the Spring
of the Year. Your petitioners pray that your honorable
Board would view the route above mentioned, and make

M. Smith's Petition for
alterations in
Road in Wt.
Springfield

1834-35

S. Flower &c.
Petition for
Road in Wt.
Springfield

S. Lumbard's
Petition for
Road in
Barnfield

such improvements as You think expedient.

Signed

Samuel Sumner & others

Springfield Dec. 27th 1840.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1840, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

Geo. Bliss

Petition for

Working Chems

West Springfield

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.

Represents the subscriber, that on the petition of Chester W. Chapin and others, a Highway was laid out, leading westerly from State Street, and a continuation of Chestnut Street in the village of Springfield in said county; that said road was to be worked in the manner directed by said Commissioners and to their acceptance, by the 1st day of July 1841; that Harvey Chapin, Geo. Ashmun and others petitioners and owners of lands, gave a written agreement to make a part of said road to the acceptance of the Commissioners; that said road has now been properly worked and made, and has been for two or three years in an unfinished and unsafe condition. Wherefore the undersigned prays that the Commissioners would themselves make a contract for working said road in perfect order, and charge the expense thereof upon the said town of Springfield; or that the Commissioners would change and straighten the direction of said road, and order specific repairs thereon.

Signed

Geo. Bliss

July 7. 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the first Tuesday of July, by adjournment from the 4th Tuesday of June, A. D. 1841, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

J. Mosely and

Petition for

Road in

West Springfield

To the Hon. Commissioners of the County of Hampden. We the undersigned, respectfully ask leave to represent, that a road has recently been laid across the Westfield West Springfield River, where the toll bridge formerly stood; that bridges have been erected at this place to accommodate the travel from Hartford to Northampton and Westfield; but such has been the improvements in the routes from Northampton to Hartford, by West Springfield and Westfield, that the most of the travel has gone from this road; that within the six last years two new roads have been completed, to accommodate the travel from Westfield to Hartford, south of the river; and we are of the opinion, that that part of the public who are interested, and who have occasion to travel from Westfield to West Springfield, or to Pindley Mills are satisfied with the roads now traveled; and we would further represent, that in our opinion, it is good and safe policy, that when there

to be called, or a new road to be made, that it be
located in such a manner as to not come in contact with the
Rail Road; that a bridge at this place crosses the river in just view
of the Rail Road, and after crossing the Highway for about a mile,
east and West is along by the side of the Rail Road, a part of
which is but a twenty feet broadish path, between this side
road and the river bank, and these Rail Road crossings on
the bank; and we are of the opinion, that if a new bridge is
to be erected in this section of the County, it ought to be lo-
cated below the Rail road crossing, at the bridge, and that
bridge at this place would shorten the distance, and lessen
the hills from Peeding Hills to the south part of West Springfield,
Cahoonville, and Southampton, and from a part of the towns of
Westfield and Southwick to Springfield, and would furnish
a route from the centre of Westfield to Springfield, which
would be away from the Rail Road, and above high water,
except the highest freshets, of which there has been but six or
seven within the last forty years. We would therefore respectfully
ask the Commissioners to change the location of a road
across the river from where it is now laid, to some point
below the Rail Road crossing, at the ledge, and to lay and
establish a road from the Frost place, in West Springfield
to intersect the new road leading to Ensigns Mills in West-
field; and also, to lay a road from near the house of Stephen
Bernjays' south of the river, to the house of Little Smith,
north of the river, and also, to intersect the old road run-
ning by Timothy Stebbins' in Westfield to Peeding Hills,
with the new road near Little Brook, so called, to save
keeping the bridge and hill in repairs.

Signed

James Mosley & others.

December 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners, at Springfield on the fourth
Tuesday of December, A. D. 1841, and continued from
meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is con-
sidered and ordered, that this petition be dismissed.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners of the
County of Hampshire

J. S. Abbe for
Petition for

The Subscribers respectfully represent that the
old road from Ferry Street, in Cahoonville, near the
house of William Chapin lived, passing the Connors
cut River House, up the Hill, to intersect the road to the
United States Army, has, by means of trespasses committed
by sundry persons, such as fencing up, digging and carrying
away earth, rendered it wholly impassable. Also, that the
old road from, or near the School house, passing the houses of
Allen Judd, and the house of Uriah Van Horn, and Simon
Chase, to the above mentioned road, the same being in a
bad shape by means of trespasses committed by sundry indi-

Road in
Springfield

interests: they therefore pray, that You would view, lay out and establish each of the Highways, as your Honors shall think the public wants require, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed

John L. Abbe & others.

Catolville, Feb'y 21. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1842, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered that this petition be dismissed.

Mr. Tucker
Petitioner for a
Jury.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The petition of William Tucker, of Brimfield, in said County, respectfully represents, That the Selectmen of said Brimfield have laid out and caused to be made, a Town way from the road near his Sawmill, in the westerly part of the town, through his mill-pond and garden to Anna Nichols, in said Brimfield, and that he feels himself greatly injured and aggrieved at the inadequate damages allowed him by said Selectmen, and in conformity with the provisions of the Statute in such cases made, he appeals from their award, and prays your honorable body to grant him a jury, or in preference a disinterested Committee, to view the premises, and allow him such damages as they may judge reasonable and just.

William Tucker.

Brimfield, April 12. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County commissioners at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1842, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, that this petition be dismissed.

J. L. Casaghsale
Petitioner for
Road in
Springfield

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned, citizens of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, respectfully represent, That the public convenience requires that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, between the following termini, viz. Commencing on Main Street, so called, in said Springfield, on land owned by Joshua Frost, and Chauncey Brewer, thence running Eastwly, over land of said Frost and Brewer; over land of Daniel Bontecou, Cicero Simons and James Wallace; thence across Market Street, so called, in said Springfield, over land of Lucius Clark; over land belonging to said town of Springfield, and over land belonging to the First Parish in said Springfield; over land of John L. Casaghsale; over land of Henry Fuller and Quatuor Seale; over land of Horace Lee and Philo F. Wilcox, over land of Wells P. Hodgett, of Horace D. Braman, and

land belonging to the Chicopee Bank, to land of George Bliff.
And the undersigned respectfully pray, that after due proceedings
had in the premises; such an Highway may be laid out
between the said termini, as the public convenience requires.
John A. Cragg & others.

Springfield, April 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second
Tuesday of April A. D. 1842. and continued from meet-
ing to meeting to this meeting. And now it is con-
sidered and ordered, that this petition be dismissed.

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampden

C. Sage & c
Petition for
Road in
Russell

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Blandford and
Russell, would respectfully represent; That a Road on the
Main Road Road is about to be made on the land of
Charles Fisher, in said Russell; that the road leading from
the village, in Blandford to said place, is rocky and in
some places circuitous and out of repair. We therefore pray
that you should may view said road, and order such altera-
tions and improvements in the hills and width of said road,
as may be deemed expedient; and also, to extend the same to
said Road from the turnpike, near the Baptist meeting
house in said Russell.

Signed

C. Sage & others.

June 20 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield, holden on the fourth
Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was
ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of
T. A. Chaffee, in Blandford, on Tuesday the 9th day of the
next month, at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose
of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition,
and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations
interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to
be of common convenience and necessity, ~~to proceed to~~
proceed to locate the road prayed for, provided no per-
son interested objects to the same, and after locating to
hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corpora-
tions interested, upon the subject of damages. Also,
Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corpora-
tions interested in said petition, by publishing a
copy of said petition and this order thereon, three
weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspa-
per printed in said County, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least, before the time of said meet-
ing. And it is further Ordered, that the Sheriff of said
County, or his Deputy, serve the above clerks of Blandford
and Russell, each, with an attested copy of said petition
and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and not less

in the public place in said town, in a book containing the index of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliff, the Clerk of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1842. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows:

Hampden Co. July 8. 1842. I served the Town Clerks of Mansfield and Russell each, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at their respective dwelling houses and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. August 4. 1842. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the above is a copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, herein enclosed, by him; and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition together with the order of notice, in two public places, at long the town place and churches of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Hampshire Gazette, as the law requires in that behalf; and as is set forth and directed in said order, met at the time and place as mentioned in said order of notice, and proceeded to view the Highway and the attentions and locations mentioned in said petition; and having viewed the same, and having heard all persons and corporations interested who desired to be heard, the Commissioners were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that certain locations and repairs should be ordered and established according to the prayer of said petition, and they do adjudge in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boies

Opicus Knox

Hubert Nyle

County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted, and the adjunction adjourned of public convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the House of Russell Hawley in Russell, on Tuesday the 22^d day of November, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject

I charged; also, that notice be given to all persons and Corpora-
tions interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said
petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said
meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a news-
paper printed in said County, the last publication to be four-
teen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it
is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Dep-
uty, serve the town clerks of Blanford and Russell each
with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon,
thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in
said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said
petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said
meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return
hereof with his doings to the Chairman of said Com-
missioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And
the Sheriff, of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order,
made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 22. 1842. I served the Town Clerks of
Blanford and Russell each, with an attested copy of the
petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the
same at the dwelling house of each, and also posted up in
two public places in each of said towns, an abstract con-
taining the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, the Commissioners make their
Report in writing, as follows: viz

Hampden ss. November 22. 1842. The County Commission-
ers of the County of Hampshire, having given notice to all per-
sons and corporations, interested in the petition, of which the
above is a true copy, as is set forth in the return of the
Sheriff of said County, of Hampshire, and as above endorsed
by him, and also having caused to be published, as the
law requires, an abstract of said petition, containing the
substance thereof, together with the order of notice herein
annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the
meeting of the Commissioners, according to said order
in a Newspaper called the Hampshire Post, published
weekly in said County, met at the time and place men-
tioned in said order, and having, ~~and having~~, at a for-
mer meeting adjudicated that the prayer of said pe-
tition be granted, and that common convenience and
necessity required the same, proceeded to make the lo-
cations and alterations, and to order the repairs here-
after mentioned, first, the location of a Highway.
Beginning at a stake on the Depot ground in Rus-
sell, belonging to the Western Rail Road Corporation
and running on the left hand or South side a line

of said Road, S. 43° W. 2.75 chains, to a Peach tree, on Depot ground; S 52° W. 1.25 chs. partly on depot ground, and partly on land of Roland P. White; then on said White, S 76° W. 0.68 chs. to a Red Oak staddle marked; N. 83° 30' W. 0.40 chs to widow Lydia Andrews land; on her land same course, 18.10 chs. to stake and stones, the south side of a bar way in crop fence, S 71° 45' W. 4.14 chs. to a Butternut tree marked, on the margin of Bradley's Mill Brook; S. 55° 30' W. 3.40 chs. to a Butternut tree marked, standing on the limits of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike Road; then same course to the center of said road, 0.30 chs. near the north end of the bridge crossing Bradley's Mill Brook. The above described road in Russell is laid three rods wide. A piece of road laid out in Blandford, to wit, Beginning at an apple tree at Marble Shepard's land, on the North side of the present road, for the north side or line of the location, and running on the said North line S. 89° 15' W. 1.75 chs. on land of Marble Shepard to Staunton Clark's land; on said Clark's land, same course, 5.25 chs to a stake in crop fence S. 54° 15' 5.25 chs. to a Butternut tree, marked, at the western terminus of the North line of said road, a few rods East of said Clark's house. And after making the locations above described, the Commissioners heard all persons interested, on the subject of damages, and made assessments of damages as follows.

To Lydia Andrews, one hundred and thirty dollars	130.00
" Marble Shepard, three dollars, fifty cents	3.50
" Staunton Clark, thirty five dollars	35.00

And the Commissioners give directions for the construction of the road located in Russell that the bank on the Depot ground be cut diagonally and brought down so as not to exceed four degrees rise, and a substantial railing made on the south side of the road to the summit of the bank; that the bridge across the small stream, west of the depot, be made twenty feet in length; and the travelled path of the road from the Depot to the turnpike, be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; And they order, as specific repairs to be made in Russell, on the road leading from the turnpike to Blandford, that the bank, near Lydia Andrews' house, where said road leaves said turnpike, be reduced and brought down to a regular grade. The hills and pitches over Dickinson Hill, so called, to be reduced as much as practicable; the travelled path to be removed north of the present, and further into the woods; the bridge between the Hills, to be raised higher than at present, three feet. The bridge West of Dickinson Hill to be guarded with a railing; the travelled path of the road east and west of Bradley's Saw mill, where there are now pitches, to be made south of the present, and carried nearer the stream, to save distance and avoid hills; the whole of said road in Russell to be made 16 feet wide, exclusive of ditches and in no place to be less than twelve feet travelled path; the Hills to be reduced, where they can be, to five degrees, and not to exceed seven degrees ascent; to be made and

the report of the commissioners. In the report to be made on
 the part of the highway, in Blount, the commissioners direct, that the
 water be raised by the first bridge after leaving Russell; the hill east of
 the bridge near mill; the hill near William Bradley's house, be each
 raised, and the road where the ground is low, and near said hills
 raised, in the removal of the earth in reducing the same; that the ledge
 of rock near the bridge be blasted, so as to sink the travelled
 part five feet, and the road west of the ledge raised; that the bridge
 near William Bradley's house will be raised, and made water; the
 two small bridges on said highway, between Joseph Haly's and
 the St. Charles houses, be raised four feet in height, from their
 present location; the bridge over Ochlock brook, to be rebuilt, and raised
 three feet from its present height; that sluices, of sufficient capacity
 for carrying the water from the highway be constructed where the
 ground is low, and where the same are necessary; that the travelled
 part be widened to fifteen feet, when the same can be done with
 reasonable expense, and to be in no place of any distance; let there
 be a full size exclusive of ditches; that on constructing the new
 highway on the lands of J. Clark, and St. Stephen, the travelled
 part be made full fifteen feet wide, for safe travel, and suffi-
 ciently crossing to carry the water into the ditches, and a suf-
 ficient number of sluices cut to conduct the water from the road
 to each of said roads, in the towns of Russell and Blount
 when new land is to be made, and where repairs are ordered;
 to be completed to the acceptance of the commissioners, by the
 first day of October, 1842. The owners of land have allowed them
 time for removing timber and other materials, till the 20th Au-
 gust next, which is submitted.

Patrick Boice,

James Knox,

James Kyle,

County Commissioners.

This report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
 locations and alterations established as and for a highway.

To the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of O. A. Pickens
 Hampden. Gent.

The same petitioners, for the Chester Turnpike Corporation,
 by their agent, and the Subscribers of Chester, by their agents,
 represent, that extreme public necessity and convenience
 require, that the route of said Turnpike being in Hampden
 should be discontinued, and laid as a county road, soon
 as may be. We pray your honors to view and lay said
 road, and allow such sum as you may think reason-
 able, to be paid by the County of Hampden, to said Turnpike
 Corporation, for their franchise and lands, over which said
 Turnpike passes.

Signed

O. A. Pickens, agent for the Chester Turnpike Corp.

James Piermenter

Henry Sygell

W. H. Babcock

Subscribers of Chester

Resol.

Dec. 15, 1842

O. A. Pickens
 Petitioner for
 Road in
 Chester.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1842 and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April A. D. 1843. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Joseph Fayell, at Chester Factory, on Monday the 22 day of May, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the said project for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. And ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, that he cause it to be posted up in two public places in said town of Chester, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to that meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampton 20 April 20 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Wm. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows.

Hampton 22 May 22 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, having ^{given} notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a true copy, as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County of Hampshire as before endorsed as aforesaid, and also having caused to be published as the law requires, a copy of said petition together with the order of notice hereto annexed stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting of the Commissioners, as mentioned in said order, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Republican, published

...and County, according to the provisions of law in that behalf.
...of Chester, in which the road mentioned in said petition
...and being interested as such, did not act on the sub-
...of said petition, and Algal Rockwell of Southwick, one
...of the Special Commissioners of said County, having been sum-
...moned to attend, did attend and act with the Commissioners
...at the time and place of meeting; and the Board of Commis-
...sioners, thus constituted, proceeded to view the premises men-
...tioned in said petition, and having viewed the same and
...heard all persons and corporations interested in the prayer
...of said petition, were of opinion that public convenience
...and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be
...granted, and they so adjudicated in the premises. And it
...appearing that none of the parties interested in said petition
...made any objection to the location and establishment of
...said road as a Common Highway, and all persons and Cor-
...porations being willing that the Commissioners then, and with-
...out further notice, proceed to locate the same. The Commis-
...sioners accordingly proceeded, without further notice, to lo-
...cate and establish, as a Common Highway, that part of
...the Chester Turnpike within the same limits as the same
...was established and laid out for the Chester Turnpike
...Corporation, running from the dividing line between the town
...of Buxton and Chester, to the southerly end of Walton Bridge,
...lying within the town of Chester; and that the same be dis-
...continued as a Turnpike, and hereafter be used and es-
...tablished as a Highway; Reference being had to the loca-
...tion of the said Turnpike for the limits and survey of said
...Highway. And after locating the same as a Highway, the
...Commissioners, having given notice for that purpose, heard all
...persons and corporations in their claims for damages, who de-
...sired to be heard. And damages were assessed as follows.

To the Chester Turnpike Corporation, which claimed damages by
...their agent, O. A. Perkins, fifty dollars.

To others claiming damages, none were assessed. And the Com-
...missioners direct the inhabitants of Chester to put said road
...in good repair; to make safe and convenient bridges over
...the streams crossing the Highway, and to make the traveled
...path of said Highway sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches
...with ditches sufficient to carry the water from the same,
...and to make the whole of said Highway safe and conve-
...nient for the public travel, and to the acceptance of the
...Commissioners by the first day of November next. All
...which is submitted.

Patrick Davis }
James Knox } Commissioners
Algal Rockwell, Special Commissioner

While Report being read and considered was accepted, and the
...road laid and established as a Common Highway.

1144
J. Brewster
To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hanson
Petition for on the South Side of Mill River, in Springfield, West of the
Discontinuing House of Miller Warren, Commencing at said river and running
Road on South side so as to intersect the present travelled road from Spring-
field to Longmeadow, near the house of Symon Wood, that
the same has not been used for public travel for many years,
and that public convenience and necessity do not require that
the same should be continued as a public way; they therefore
pray, that You would view said road and order it to be discontinued
Signed
James Brewster, & another.

Dec. 27. 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December
A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered, That said Com-
missioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday
the 15th day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the
purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said
petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations in-
terested therein; and if the said Road shall be adjudged not to be
of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue
the Road as prayed for; provided no person interested objects to
the same, and to hear at said place of meeting all persons and
corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered
that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in
said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette,
a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to
be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.
And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his
Deputy, serve the town clerk of Springfield with an attested
copy of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at
least, and post up in two public places in said town an
abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen
days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff
or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to
Richard Bliss, the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.
Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of
April, A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County in pursu-
ance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. Jan'y 14 1843 I served the Town Clerk of
Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and
order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and posting
up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing
the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in

writing, as follows, viz.

Memorandum for February 15, 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing order of the Sheriff of said County of Hampden, and also by publishing a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting, in a newspaper called the Springfield Repeller, published weekly in said County according to the provisions of law in that behalf made and provided, and as set forth and required in said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and proceeded to view the premises described in said petition and having viewed the same, and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard upon the subject matter thereof, were of opinion that public convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and they so adjudicate in the premises, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Doyle

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Elihu Taylor }

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

At which meeting it was ordered, That said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the first day of June next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to discontinue according to the prayer of said petition and to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject in damages. Also, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing an abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks successively in the Springfield Repeller, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of Springfield an abstract, containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his return to the Chairman of said Commissioners at or before the time of said meeting.

Rich^d Bluff, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made this return as follows.

Memorandum for April 27, 1843. I served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and

also posted up in two public houses in said town, an abstract, containing the substance thereof.

S. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Whereas on June 1. 1823. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition, of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County, taken by him endorsed, and also having caused to be published an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners in a newspaper called the Springfield Republican printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf required: and having at a former meeting adjudicated upon the prayer of said petition, and being of the opinion that public convenience and necessity did not require the longer continuance of the road mentioned in said petition as a public highway, and that the same be discontinued, met at the time and place mentioned in said order and proceeded to discontinue a part of an old highway established by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden, on the last Tuesday of August A. D. 1760, which part of said highway is described as follows. Beginning at the stump of an elm tree, on the south side of Mill River, and running from thence to the said river, North 25° East; then from said Elm stump, South 19° East, five rods to a Walnut tree; then South 6° 30' East, five rods to a stake and stones; then South, 26° 30' East, to a stake and stones five rods; then run South 39° East to the northerly line of the Highway leading from Springfield to Longmeadow. The minutes of the above location of part of a Highway were taken from the report of a Committee, dated November 1. 1759, which report was presented and accepted at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace aforesaid, as appears by a copy of the record thereof. From which Report it appears, that said Highway was laid four rods in width. And the Commissioners, after hearing all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, do order that the Highway above described be discontinued and no longer remain a public Highway. And after discontinuing said Highway, the Commissioners, according to notice previously given, heard all persons and corporations, who desired to be heard on their claims for damages: and no party interested presenting any legal claim for damages, none were specified. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boies

Charles Knox

Perbes Style

County Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted, and the Road discontinued as a Highway.

In the Hon. County Commissioners for the County of Hampden & William.
The undersigned inhabitants of Monson respectfully represent that Petition
the County road leading from the bridge near Blounts farm for Dedson
Hill, and intersecting the road running east and west near Huntington a
road called is not now needed as a public road and that the pub. Road in
its road requires it to be discontinued. We therefore pray from Monson
that a road may be had and the road be discontinued.
Signed Oles Wallace & others.

Monson March 16, 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners at Springfield, on the second Tuesday
of April A. D. 1843. At which meeting it was ordered that
said Commissioners meet at the house of George A. Dewey
in Palmer on Wednesday the 31st day of May next at 9
o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to re-
consider the prayer of said petition, and after receiving
to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if
the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and
necessity to proceed to discontinue the road prayed for; provided
no person interested objects to the same, and after discontinuing
to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations
interested upon the subject of damages - also ordered, that
notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said
petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order
thereon, three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a
Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And
it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his De-
puty, give the Town Clerk of Monson, with an attested copy
of said petition, and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and
post up in two public places in said town of Monson, an
abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen
days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff
or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings, to
Richard Bliff, the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before
the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners,
Richard Bliff, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing
order, make his return as follows.

Hampden Co. April 27, 1843. I served the Town Clerk
of Monson with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid
and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him
and also posted up in two public places in said town,
an abstract containing the substance of said petition.
G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report
in writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. May 31, 1843. The County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all

persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a true copy as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County, shown by him submitted, and also, having caused to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf and as required by said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises mentioned in said petition, and also having heard all persons and corporations on the subject matter of said petition who desired to be heard, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity do not require that the Highway mentioned in said petition be discontinued, and that the prayer of said petition be refused; and they do adjudicate in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boiser,

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
 Oliver Hyde }

which report being read and considered, is accepted.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1851
 Hampden ss. To the Sheriff of our County of Hampden in his Deputy,reeting. Whereas, at a regular meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the second twenty of April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, Elisha Ashley of West Springfield in said County, preferred his petition to the County Commissioners representing that on the petition of Jacob S. Stark, and others, praying for a road to be laid out from the County Road, leading from Merley's Bridge to Northampton, commencing north of Roswell Owen's barn in Westfield, and running northwesterly to the County road leading from West Springfield to Northampton, near Jacob's Winchells, and such proceedings having been had thereon, that a Road had been located by said County Commissioners, and the return thereof duly made and accepted, at a meeting thereof, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1842, at Springfield aforesaid, which said Road I laid over the lands of the said Aaron Ashley, Elisha Ashley and Roswell Owen and other persons, as follows, to wit. Beginning at the northern termination at the center of the road one and half rods S E from a maple tree, at the North corner of Elisha Ashley's lot, and running on said Ashley S 45° 45' W. 4.50 chains parallel to and with the S. W. side of the stone Wall which is the N. W. line of said road; then S 41° N 17.24 chs on Aaron Ashley's and 0.17 chs on Elisha Ashley. At the end of this distance, three black Oak staddles standing on the north west line of the road at the angle; then on said Elisha, S 34° 15' W. 16.05 chs. to a large Chestnut, standing on the N. W. line of the

E. Ashley's
 Petition for a
 Road.

road S. 28° 15' W. 5.00 chs. to opposite a Birch tree near a large spring
which tree bears from the centre of the road N. 51° 45' W. 6.44 chs.,
then S. 43° 30' W. 9.54 chs. to Owen Burt's land; then on said Burt's
11.85 chs. to a cross road leading to Payne's Mills; then 0.50 chs. across
said road to Owen Burt's land; then on said Burt's land 11.31 chs.
to Phelps Seales' land; then on said Seales' land 4.84 chs. to a point
bearing N. 88° 30' W. one and half rods from the N. W. corner of said
Phelps Seales' barn, the said N. W. corner of the barn being S. E. side
of said road at the angle, the whole distance on the above
course being 38.04 chs.; then S. 42° 15' W. 16.25 chs. on Phelps Seales'
land to the line of West Springfield and Westfield, at the north
corner of Abijah Owen's lot; then on Roswell Owen's land
10.00 chs. to a point, bearing S. 87° 15' W. one and half rods from
the N. W. corner of Roswell Owen's stable, on the west side
of the barn, which is the southern termination: the distance
of this last course is 26.25 chs. and praying that a Jury may
be ordered to reconsider and award the Harnages thereon, and
discontinue or alter said road. And whereas, at said
meeting, just before mentioned, the petitioners having caused
a sufficient recognizance to be given agreeably to the pro-
visions of law, it was by said Commissioners ordered and
directed that the Sheriff of said County summon a Jury
of twelve men to hear and determine the matters of
complaint set forth in the petition for such Jury and to
decide all such matters as should legally come before
them on such hearing: Now we therefore, in the name of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby require forth-
with to summon a Jury of twelve men for the purposes
aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such case
made and provided. And to this end, You are to require, in
writing, the Selectmen of the three towns nearest the premises,
not interested in the question, to return a number of Jurors,
not less than two, nor more than six, from any one town, un-
less in case of necessity. And if by reason of challenges or
otherwise, there shall not be a full Jury of the persons sam-
moned, you are to return some suitable person *de talibus*
circumstantibus, to supply the deficiency: which said Jury
are to be sworn to make a just and true appraisement
of the damages sustained by the complainant, and well
and truly to try all such other matters as shall be lawfully
submitted to them under the said complaint, and to give
a true verdict therein according to the law and the evi-
dence given them. And William Davis, Esq. of Westfield, is
appointed to preside at said trial, and to decide all
questions of law arising therein, which would be proper
for the decision of a Judge. And he is to direct the Jury
upon any question of law, when requested by either party,
and to certify the substance of such his decision or deci-
sions, to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of
either party. You are to give reasonable notice of the

some and place of meeting to the parties concerned, and especially to Patrick Davis, Esq, who is appointed by said Commission to act as the agent for and in behalf of the county in the premises. The said jury are to be summoned and give their verdict under their names within three months next after the fourth day of April last, and the verdict so given is to be returned to the next term of the Court of Common Pleas to be held in and for said County of Hampden, that said Court may adjudicate thereon agreeably to the provisions of law. And You are to certify to the Court your own travel and attendance and that of each juror. Witness Patrick Davis, Esquire, Chairman of the County Commissioners, at Springfield this thirteenth day of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

Hampden June 15. A. D. 1843. Then personally appeared, to wit, Mr. Forward, Roger S. Moore, Charles W. Bingham, John R. Nixon, Alvin Tibbe, Samuel W. Bliss, John Milburn, Alfred White, Luther Markham, Oliver Dwight, Ethan Taylor, and William Field, who was returned to supply the deficiency occasioned by the absence of Theodore Bliss. Jurors summoned on the foregoing case, and made solemn oath, that they would faithfully and impartially estimate the damages that have been or will be sustained by the within named complainant, occasioned by the laying out his lands as mentioned herein, and that they would make a just and true appraisement of all damages, and well and truly in all such other matters as should be lawfully submitted to them touching the premises, and give a true verdict therein according to the law and the evidence given them.

Before me, William Bliss, appointed to preside at this trial.

Pursuant to this Warrant, I made application to the selectmen of the towns of Springfield, Southwick and Longmeadow, three nearest disinterested towns in said county, requesting them to draw from the jury box the names of twelve good and lawful men, to serve on the jury herein ordered, and the said selectmen make due return of said application as follows, to wit, from Springfield, Theodore Bliss, John R. Nixon, John Milburn, Alfred White, Alvin Tibbe and Samuel W. Bliss; from Southwick Joseph M. Forward, Roger S. Moore, Charles W. Bingham; from Longmeadow Luther Markham, Ethan Taylor, and Oliver Dwight, and returned, as appears by the certificates of the selectmen of each of said towns herewith presented. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors, to be summoned to appear before William Bliss Esq. on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1843 at 9 o'clock A. M. at the house of Sander Winchell in West Springfield. Said Bliss having been appointed to preside at said trial. I notified the said parties concerned, to wit, the petitioners within named, and Patrick Davis, Esq who was appointed by the County Commissioners to act as the agent of the County in the premises, of the time and place of summoning said jury. And on the said 15th day of June, A. D. 1843, I proceeded to do

panel said jury who were duly sworn as above certified, except Theodore Bliss, who was absent, and William Child was returned to supply the deficiency; and after said jury had chosen a foreman, by ballot, and fully heard the parties, & caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and sealed up their verdict in the premises which is herewith returned into Court.

To Rice: Straigh.

In the matter of Elisha Ashley's petition for a jury, the Court agrees that a verdict may be rendered by eleven jurors, and that the verdict shall be binding upon the parties, in the same manner, and have the same effect as if rendered by twelve.

Massachusetts } Patrick Davis, Agent for County.
June 15, 1843 } Lorenzo Norton, atty for petitioner.

On the Petition of Elisha Ashley and others, the Jurors, having examined the premises, heard the several witnesses, and the parties by their counsel, and duly considered the subject, do award and determine that the prayer of said petitions so far as the alteration of said highway is concerned, ought not to be granted.

The Jury further award and determine, that there be allowed and paid by the County of Hampden, for the damages occasioned to said Elisha Ashley, by reason of laying said Highway over and across his lands the sum of one hundred thirty three dollars and forty five cents.

To said Elisha Ashley, for damages to him, by reason of laying said Highway, over and across his land the sum of One Hundred twenty two dollars and fifty four cents.

Witness our hands and seals this 15th day of June, 1843.

Jos. M. Howard, Foreman

W. S. Allen

W. H. Doughton

Julius Munkham

Alvin Noble

William Child

Alfred White

John Wilson

John B. Wilson

Edwin Taylor

Olinus Doughty

Which Verdict, being returned to the Board of Commissioners held for the County of Hampden on the third Monday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated thereon, is accepted, and allowed, and the same is ordered by said Court, to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden, for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law.

Which Verdict, having been returned to the Board of Commissioners, at their meeting, is read and accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

To the Hon County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Granville, respectfully represent, that the County Road recently located

Selection of Granville petition for Discon of Road in Granville.

across the Great Valley in said town, upon the petition of James
Corkley and others, is, in our opinion, not needed for the public
benefit, and we pray, that the same may be discontinued.

When the Commissioners first came out, in pursuance of
said petition, they were accompanied by the Selectmen and
other Citizens of said town, to view the Mountain, and all
the alteration that was contemplated or desired, in the Eastern
part of the town, was some specific repairs upon the main
County road, near Westfield line, and an alteration of a
short distance near the top, on the east side of the moun-
tain. The mountain was viewed by the Commissioners, ac-
companied by the Selectmen and others, and it was under-
stood, by all present, that any alteration was inefficient, if
not impracticable, and that the project of any alteration
of the mountain, was wholly abandoned. But it is a matter
of surprise, that we have since learned, that a very extensive
alteration has been entered, at a great expense of labor and ma-
terials for its construction, and a large amount of damage
to individuals, without any corresponding benefit to the public.
As an inducement to get up said petition, it was plausibly
argued, that some alteration was necessary in the mountain,
to facilitate the travel, and the means of conveying large
quantities of agricultural products, and other commodities
from the County of Berkshire, to the Great River Depot
at Westfield for to market. Such expectations, it is now
obvious, can never be realized. It has become a matter
of perfect notoriety, that the transit of goods from the
West, upon the Western Rail road, has blasted the pros-
pects of the farmer, and all hopes of a market at the
Depot to the agricultural interest in this vicinity are
totally annihilated, and no Berkshire travel comes this
way, for the satisfactory reason, that they can reach the
coast in easier routes, and at shorter distances. The
town of Granville is already cut up with roads, to an
unprofitable extent, and the expense of keeping them in
repair in the summer, and shovelling and breaking through
the snow in winter, is already expensive, and burdensome
beyond the conception of those who do not inhabit the
steep hills of the mountain towns, and we beg to be
delivered from any further accumulation of burdens al-
ready sufficiently oppressive. Several roads have been
made in this town, within a few years past, by dif-
ferent boards of Commissioners, which are considered
by a great portion of our Citizens, of very doubtful
utility, and some against the solemn remonstrances
of the town, and we confidently hope, upon a due
consideration of the premises, and a just regard to
our interests, and those of the public, upon Honorable
Board will deem it their duty to discontinue said

road.

Signed

James Cooley
Levi Brown }
Elisha F. Mins } selection of
Justus Rose, Jr } Granville

Granville
10th April, 1843 }

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1843, at which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of J. M. Barry 2^d in Granville on Wednesday the 24th day of May next at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged not to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to discontinue the Road prayed for; provided no persons interested object to the same, and after discontinuing to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this Order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Richard Bliss, the Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners
Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden sp. April 22nd 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.
G. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Hampden sp. May 24, 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of said County herewith by him enclosed, and also, having caused to be published a copy of said petition together with the

order of notice hereto annexed stating the time place and place of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made, and as required by said order of notice, met at the time and place mentioned in said order, and having viewed the premises as described in said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations interested in the subject matter of said petition who desired to be heard, were of opinion that public convenience and necessity do not require that the highway mentioned in said petition be discontinued, and that the prayer of said petition be refused: And they do adjudge in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boisez
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the prayer of the petition refused.

D. Williams
Petitioner for
Assessment of
Damages

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.
Respectfully represents, the undersigned, that a Highway was located by your Board on the petition of Milton Foster and others, praying for locations and alterations of a Highway from the Boston road to near Chicopee in Springfield, and that part of said Highway was laid over land and buildings of the undersigned, and no damages were assessed to him. He therefore prays, that said Commissioners would assess him such damages as he has sustained by reason of the premises and that further time may be allowed him for the removal of his buildings.

Theodore Williams

Hampden Co. Meeting of County Commissioners, June Term, 1863.
The County Commissioners having heard the petitioner on the above application, and maturely considered the same, are of opinion that he is entitled to damages by reason of the location of said Highway, and assess damages to said Williams in the sum of one hundred and ten Dollars; and they also allow him an extension of time for removing his buildings from said Highway, till the first day of May next; and that he will not be entitled to receive the above named damages till said buildings are removed.

Patrick Boisez
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Or Chapin
Petitioner for
Assessment of
Damages.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at their meeting in and at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.
Humbly prays, that in laying of a road on the petition

Orange Chapman.
Guardian to Titus Woolley.

Springfield 3
June 25. 1843

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Patrick Boise }
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Hobbs Kyle }

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William Blair. Easy presiding at Long Mt. meeting for justice D. 17

Mary Chapman, witness at the execution of a slave?

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Alnus incana Surcouf's Road in Bonfield. June 8, 1841 1.75

B. H. Richardson, book-binding, Newark, N. J. 17. 57

To Henry Chapin, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body
of Alexander McLean, May 9, 1843

Juryman	Francis Cummings, foreman	2.00
	Daniel Bonlocen	1.37
	William Field	1.37
	William S. Weld	1.37
	George Dwight	1.37
	Epaphras A. Hanna	1.37
Witnesses	John L. Skinner	1.37
	Thomas W. Robinson	.58
	William Beebe	.58
	Benjamin B. Waterman	.58
Constable	William H. Hilditch	.58
		1.52

John B. Harkness, Coroner. Inquisition upon the body
of John Corley, May 7, 1843.

Juryman	James H. Harkness, foreman	3.00
	Diamond Galloway	1.77
	Roderick Paul	1.27
	Walter Bliss	1.37
	Joseph R. Hopkins	1.07
	G. S. Bliss	1.37
Witnesses	Delinda Corley	.58
	Henry Dodge	.58
	Thomas S. Chapman M. D.	.58
	Samuel Baker	.58
	William White	.58
	Seth Corley	.58
	Oliver Holmes	.58
Constable	William Hilditch	1.94
	Richard Bliss, clerk, Entries, Order Notices, &c.	58.34
	G. Rice, Sheriff, serving Commis' Orders on petitions &c.	31.14
	A. Parsons, attending Court, &c.	58.00

Brown

Charles Brown, is licensed as an Innholder on the House on
the West Side of the Green, in the town of Westfield, without au-
thority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

M. Smith vs.
Petition for
abatement of
road in West
Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The subscribers represent, that the present location of
the meeting house in the first Parish in West Springfield
to Henry Smith is ancient and very much out of repair.
That the land from said Smith to John Brantley's is an
allusion, they therefore pray that you should purchase
around the same and make such repairs and make such
alterations in said road as the public convenience shall
be required.

Signed Henry Smith & others
West Springfield, July 16, 1839

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of October, A.D. 1839, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1839, at which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the house of Henry Smith, in Springfield on Thursday the 23rd day of April next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience, and necessarily, to proceed to locate the road prayed for, and after locating, to hear at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition, and that same be given thirty days at least; and posted up in some public place in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with this doings to the Commission of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.

James Crocker Chairman.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1840, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. March 24. 1840. I served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in substance as follows:

Hampden Co. April 23. 1840. The County Commissioners of said County, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed in said County, as the law in that behalf directs, a copy of said petition, together with the foregoing order of notice, stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting, as is fully set forth and required in said order of notice, and at the time and place in said order of notice mentioned, and proceeded to view the

herein set forth and detailed in said order of notice, and having viewed the same and heard all persons who appeared in said petition said Commissioner was of opinion that common sense and justice required that entire attention, to the merits and specific repairs should be made in said road as prayed for in said petition between the meeting house and said Elm Bridge, and in bridge and road at bridge. All which is submitted.

James H. Crocker

Sheriff of the County Commission
John Ward

Which Report, being read and considered is accepted, and the Report adopted of Commission Commission and resolved.

At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioner meet at the house of Mr. Wm. W. W. in West Springfield on the 1st day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of attending to locate, according to the prayer of said petition and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition by publication in abstract of said petition and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting three weeks previously in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, deliver the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon thirty days at least, and post up in three public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return and with his return to the Clerk of the Commission of said Commission before the time of said meeting.

And Order of said Commission.

Rich^d W. W. Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commission held on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1841. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Attestation of May 3 1841. I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. W. W. Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in return as follows.

Attestation of June 12 1841. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition in manner and form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, and also by publishing in a newspaper printed

in said County, do the said Selects on statement of said petition, con-
sidering the distance thereof, and stating the time and place and
mode of meeting, and also the manner of publication as is
set forth in said order and said petition, do publish as of-
ficial and public notice to the same and place in said order
and petition mentioned, and upon reference to the books of
records of said petition, and considering the same make
report of fact, to wit: The Commissioners proceeded to view
the Highway mentioned in said petition, and the alterations
concerning it the prayer of said petition were of the opinion
and accordingly order. That specific repairs be made in the
substantial of West Springfield, in said Highway from the
existing bridge in West Springfield, to the top of the hill, near
the house of Harvey Stearns. They direct that the road from
said existing bridge to the level land, near ^{the} cleared fields,
and through the woods and bushes, as the road ascends, be
thoroughly and made crowning; the bushes removed, and the
travelled path made of the width of eighteen feet, exclusive
of ditches; that the dirt descending from the top towards Harvey
Stearns' house be thrown up in the manner of turpentine
roads and guard the crowning, as to prevent the water run-
ning in the center, and the travelled path to be sixteen
feet wide exclusive of ditches; and that part of the road between
said Stearns' house and the top of the hill near said Stearns
house be raised in the travelled path, and made sufficiently crown-
ing so that the water run in the ditches, and that five feet
be taken from the bank in the corner, near said Stearns' or-
der and brought down into the road, that the travelled path in
this part be sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches; that the
bridge south of said Stearns' house be rebuilt, and made fif-
teen feet wide clear and safe for passage; the whole to be
made and completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioners
by the first day of October next. Report Submitted.

Salmon Dozier

Cyrus Stone

Charles Stone

Charles Stone

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to this meeting. And now it is ordered that no further
proceedings be had, and that the petition be discontinued.

Hampden Co Sept. 6, 1843. All matters not acted on are
ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without
day.

Wm. West

Richd. Bluff, Clerk

Green-winged Teal at Hudson River, N.Y.

November 24. At a meeting of the County Commission begun and
helden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampshire on the first
Thursday of October, being the thirtieth day of said month, and from
then to wit, to the seventh day of October, and by adjournment each
day of October, to the 27 of said month, and by adjourn-
ment on the seventh day November to the eighth day of said November
and by adjournment on the twelfth day of December to the day of our
next and ensuing next term and year three.

By Sarah Jane Bay. 1841.

Arthur Hughes

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St. Bernard's
Petition for
alterations
of laws in
Windsor.

To the County Commissioners, for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned would respectfully represent that the matter concerning repairs on attention and repairs of the Henry Davis Road to collect on the loan of Charles Davis from the Hopedale Branch to Hingham has not having your board to view the premises as soon as convenient and on the work alterations and repairs as may be deemed necessary.

1821.

Depot Hilton, Ontario, 4 Nov.

The following petition and answer led a meeting of the County Commissioners, at Springfield, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842. at which meeting it was ordered That said Commissioners meet at the house of A. Perry in Washington on Thursday the first day of June next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing to hear all persons and representatives interested therein; and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road so as to pass over no person interested object to the same, and after locating to hear at said place of meeting all persons and representatives interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all parties and corporations interested in said petition by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, have the Town Clerk of Chelsea with and attached copy of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and put up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Robert Boise, Esq. the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners. Rich^d Bluff, Clerk.

Said this petition was ^{from meeting to meeting} introduced to the meeting of the Commissioners
held on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said
County, under his return, in pursuance of the foregoing order, as follows,
Hampden Sh. Aug 2, 1842. I served the town clerk of Chester with
an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and under of notice thereon
by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in
two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of
said petition.
C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as
follows:

Hampden Sh. At a regular meeting of County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden begun and holden at Springfield in and
for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June 1843, The Commissioners
having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the
prayer of the petition of which the foregoing is a copy, in manner and
form as is set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County,
before indicated, and also by causing to be published a copy of
said petition together with the order of notice hereto annexed
stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Com-
missioners as required in said order of notice, in a newspa-
per called the Springfield Republican, printed and published in
said County, according to the provisions of the law in that
behalf; Forbes Tyler, one of the County Commissioners, being in-
terested as an inhabitant of the town of Chester, in which the
road mentioned in said petition lies, did not act in the
proceedings, and Ezra Rockwell, one of the Special Commis-
sioners, having been summoned for that purpose, attended and
acted as one of the board, and thus constituted, the Com-
missioners met at the time and place mentioned in said
order of notice, and proceeded to view the road and places
for alterations of the same, as prayed for in said petition,
and having viewed the same, and having heard all per-
sons and corporations interested in the matter of said peti-
tion, and the same being continued from time to time
till the present meeting, the said Commissioners are now
of opinion that common convenience and necessity re-
quire, that the prayer of said petition be granted; and
they so adjudicate in the premises, and submit their
Report accordingly.

Peter Boise } County Commis.
Cyrus Knox }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and
the alterations adjudged of common convenience and ne-
cessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be
given to all persons and corporations interested therein,
that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house
of Barney Heggins, in Chester, on Wednesday the ninth
day of August next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon,
for the purpose of locating said alterations and em-

improvement, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, cause the town clerk of the town of Chester with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said town of Chester, fourteen days at least before the said ninth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and improvements and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such charges as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Check' B. B. B. B.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 8. 1853. I served the town clerk of Chester with an attested copy of the within named petition and order of notice therein, by giving the same to him, and also posted abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the Commissioners made their report to wit as follows.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two. On the petition of Allen Brewster and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and shewing forth that the public convenience requires alterations and repairs of the Turnpike road, so called in the town of Chester, leading from Westfield Bridge to Northampton line, and praying for a view and alterations as may be necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises as aforesaid, appointed Wednesday the first day of June then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of A. Cory in Northampton as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which the said alterations in said highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said

and was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said first day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred, and continued from time to time at regular meetings of the County Commissioners, till the meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty three. And after hearing all parties interested, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common convenience and necessity required that the prayer of said petition be granted, and said Report was made and accepted at said meeting, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the ninth day of August, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Barnum Higgins, in said Chester, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make such alterations and order such repairs as required. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for their meeting for that purpose, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said ninth day of August met and proceeded to lay out and establish the alterations, and direct and order repairs, as follows, viz: One piece of Road located. Beginning on said Road at the north line of John Wheeler's land, then running on said Wheeler's land, south 7 East, 9 chains, to the intersection of the old road. And the Commissioners order as specific repairs on said road, that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches, and that the same be constructed, where it conveniently can be, nearer to the brook than it now is; that the sluices on said road be constructed fourteen feet wide, and be thoroughly cleaned and well covered with stone or substantial timber or plank; that the north entrance on to Wharfield Bridge be made wider, by wing walls or timber, and a sufficient railing on the west side so as to make the same safe for passing. All repairs to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first day of July, 1844. Forbes Kyle, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Chester, in which said Highway is situate, did not act in the proceedings either in viewing, or locating, altering or directing repairs of the same; and Abner Rockwell, having been notified, for that purpose, attended and acted as a Com-

missioner in all the proceedings. All which is submitted.

Patrick Boise,

Cyrus Snow, } County Commissioners

Ural Rockwell, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered is accepted; and the alterations and location, established as a Highway.

C. Pearce
Petition
for Road in
Westfield

To the County Commissioners
Gentlemen,

At Your December meeting, 1844 a petition was presented to your board, from a number of the inhabitants of Westfield and West Springfield to change the location of the road across the river, which had been previously laid near the line of the said towns, and to lay a road from the First place in West Springfield, to intersect the road leading from Ferris Hills to Ensigns Hill in Westfield, and from Stephen Dummer's, to Seth Smith; and also, to intersect the old and new roads near Little Brook, so called.

The Commissioners, after giving notice, viewing and hearing all parties interested, decided against changing the location of the bridge across the river; and although there were strong objections to changing the location of the bridge, there was no opposition to a road from the South end of a bridge on the old site, to intersect the road leading to Ensigns Mills, which would accommodate the inhabitants north of the river east of said bridge in West Springfield and South of the river, west of said bridge, in Westfield, and the north part of Southwick, and save one mile in distance. The town of West Springfield have contracted to have the bridge built, by the 1st of September next. We would therefore, respectfully ask the Commissioners to lay, and establish a road from the South end of said bridge, westerly, to intersect the road leading to Ensigns Mills and to connect the old and new roads near the Little Brook.

Signed,

Chauncey Pearce & others.

April 3, 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1845. At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Wells Fowler, in Westfield, on Thursday, the 25th day of May next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided, no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also, Ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said

petition, by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon, thirty days at least, and post it in two public places in said Town of Westfield an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his doings to Richard Bliffth Clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.
Rich^d Bliff. Clerk.

And this Petition was returned to the custody of the Commissioners within on the fourth day of June A.D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampton p. April 25, 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance thereof. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Hampton p. May 25 1843. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampton, having given notice to all persons and Corporations interested in the petition, of which the above is a true copy, in manner and form as is set forth in the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, as by his endorsement thereon, and also by publishing a copy of said petition together with the order hereto annexed, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a newspaper called the Springfield Gazette, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made and provided, and as is required in said order, Valerius Boice, Chairman of the Commissioners being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which the road mentioned in said petition is situated did not act on the subject matter thereof, and Hyal Portwell, one of the Special Commissioners, having been summoned for that purpose, attended and acted as one of said Commissioners; and the Board thus constituted, met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises and the places contemplated for a Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, and also having heard all persons and Corporations interested who desired to be heard, on the subject of said petition, were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudicated.

in the premises, and accordingly make their report.

Byrnes Simon }
 John Hyle } ^{Commissioners}

Attest Rockwell Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the Petitioners adjudge of public convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Lewis Chatman in Westfield, on Thursday the tenth day of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, by publishing a copy of said adjudication and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be published days at least before the said tenth day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, deliver the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, with a copy of said adjudication, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield, fourteen days at least before the said tenth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Road and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows:

Hamden Co. July 7th 1843. I served the town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of the within adjudication, and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted copies thereof in two public places in said town.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, in Hamden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hamden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year ^{one} ~~year~~ ¹⁸⁴³ ~~eight~~ ^{four} ~~teen~~ ^{teen} hundred and forty three. On the Petition of Chauncy Pease and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a Road should be established from the South end of a Bridge to be erected across Westfield River, westerly, to intersect the road leading from Ensigns Mills, and also to connect the old and new roads near the Little Brook, in Westfield, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty fifth day of May then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the House of Wells Fowler in Westfield,

at the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be sent upon the clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such location of a highway prayed for thereby, was at least before the same as printed in said town, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said hearing, and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing, notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twentieth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield, after said on the fourth Tuesday of June, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that a Highway be located within the termini mentioned in said petition, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday, the tenth day of August, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in said Westfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting, and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damages, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said tenth day of August met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition, as follows, to wit,

Beginning near the South end of a Bridge, called Morley's Bridge, at a Buttonwood Staddle, near the line of West Springfield, and running on the north line of said road, on land of Sylvanus S. Morley, N. $67^{\circ}15'$ W 0.40 chains to Westfield line; then same course, 0.77 chs to the lower side of a hemlock marked on the north side; then N. $75^{\circ}30'$ W. 1.25 chs. to the lower side of a

marked Hemlock; then N. 76° 30' W. 3.12 chs; N. 79° W. 1.37 chs; N. 69° 30' W. 1.40 chs; N. 76° W. 1.80 chs; N. 69° 30' W. 2.80 chs; N. 72° 15' W. 1.80 chs; N. 60° 30' W. 1.85 chs to a Chestnut tree; N. 77° W. 1.55 chs. to a stake; then S. 87° 45' W. 1.12 chs, to land of Ashbel Dewey; same course 14.73 chs. to a maple stand, partly on land of said Ashbel and partly on land of said Sylvanus S. Morley; then S. 70° 45' W. 3.55 chs. to a small apple tree; then S. 60° 45' W. 9.06 chs. to a stake on the north side of the road leading from Westfield to Feeding Hills, by the way of Ensigns Mills. Also, another small piece of Road, connecting the old and new roads from Ensigns Mills, to Feeding Hills; Beginning at a stake the westerly side of said old road, on Edwin Brewer's land, and running on his land N. 30° 30' E. 2.15 Chains, to an Elm tree, on the South side of the Brook; then N. 90° E. 0.63 chs. partly on land of said Brewer, and partly on land of Sylvanus S. Morley, to the new road from said Ensigns Mills, to Feeding Hills and after making said locations, the Commissioners, agreeably to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in damages, who desired to be heard, and made their apportionment of damages as follows:

To Ashbel Dewey	seventy Dollars	70.00
" Sylvanus S. Morley	fifty Dollars	50.00
" Edwin Brewer	two Dollars	2.00

Patrick Davis, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an inhabitant of the town of Westfield, in which said roads are situated, did not act with the Board in the proceedings in viewing or laying out said Roads, and Abner Rockwell, a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board as in such cases provided. In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that in making of said road near the river, it be builded as near the lower side as may be, and secured next the river by laying of timber cross ways of said road and running into the bank, and sufficiently raised and fastened, to prevent the washing away by freshets; that the growing timber near the bank of the river, be left standing, to secure said bank from washing away; that sufficient sluices be made, to keep the water thoroughly drained from the travelled path. The whole of said road to be made and completed, to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the inhabitants of Westfield, by the first day of July, 1844. All which is Submitted and accepted.

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Forbes Kyle }

Abner Rockwell, Special Comm.

Which Report, being read and considered, is accepted, and the Roads established as Highways.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham, respectfully represent, that the Selectmen of said town of Wilbraham did on the 15th day of May last past, lay out, or make alterations in the old road for the use of said town the following described roads.

First. Beginning at an Elm tree, at the northerly corner of John Brewer's Mountain Wood Lot, on the East side of the mountain road, so called; thence E. 40° W. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake; thence north 39° E. 10 rods to the north line of Ephraim Fuller's land; thence same course 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake; thence E. 42° N. 7 rods to William Brewster's land; thence same course, on William Brewer's land 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to Mr Rindge's land; thence same course, across a corner of Rindge's land 6 rods to the Mountain Road, to be two and one half rods wide, and lie on the westerly side of said course.

Second. Beginning at Roswell Phelps' house, in said Wilbraham, thence west 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° N. 88 rods on said Phelps' land 3 rods wide; thence W. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° S. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence W. 20° S. 39 rods; thence W. 5° N. 18 rods; thence W. 15° north 6 rods; thence W. 32° N. 64 rods to the Monument, at the line which separates Wilbraham from Springfield, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods wide, containing a distance of 249 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods, and to lie on the Southerly side of said course. Which said Roads as laid out by the Selectmen aforesaid, were reported to the Inhabitants of said town, at a meeting held for that purpose on the 5th day of June current, and the town did unreasonably refuse to allow and accept of the same. Your petitioners now pray that you will view said roads as laid out or altered by the said Selectmen, and approve and allow of, them, or make such alterations in said roads as your Honors shall think the public wants require, as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed)

Samuel M. Blip. & others

Wilbraham June 26. 1843.

The foregoing Petition

was introduced in meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County, on the fourth meeting of June, in the Year of our Lord 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners, viewing it as one of the numerous expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Bald in Wilbraham, on Friday the eighteenth day of August, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham, in said County, thirty days at least before the said 18th day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Gazette, or public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered

by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the Town of Wilbraham fourteen days before said 18th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a review of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows.

Hampden sp. July 18. 1843. I served the town clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and posted in two public places in said town, a copy of said petition and order thereon, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

W. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden sp. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three. On the petition of Samuel M. Bliff and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Selectmen of Wilbraham, on the fifteenth day of May last past, laid out for the use of the town two roads described in said petition; that the Inhabitants of said town had unreasonably refused to accept of the locations of said Roads, and praying the Commissioners to view said roads and approve and allow of them, or make such alterations as the public wants require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the eighteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Baldwin, in Wilbraham, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Wilbraham, being the town within which such locations of Roads are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and

State for Commencing said suit. And on the said eighteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and having continued the further consideration thereof, till the next regular meeting of the County Commissioners, to be held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October then next. And now, at said meeting, the said Commissioners do adjudge, that common convenience had necessarily required that the Highways described in said petition be established as Town ways in said Wilbraham, and the Commissioners approve and allow the same as located by the Selectmen of said town according to the minutes and surveys following (to wit) One Town way. Beginning at an Elm tree, at the northerly corner of John Brewer's mountain Wood Lot on the East side of the mountain road, so called; thence East 40° N. $13\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake; N. 39° E. 10 rods to the north line of Ephraim Fuller's land; same course, $22\frac{1}{2}$ Rods to a stake; then E. 42° N. 7 rods, to William Brewer's land; then same course, on William Brewer's land, $29\frac{1}{2}$ rods, to Mr Ringes' land; then same course, across a corner of said Ringes' land, 6 rods to the mountain road, to be two and half rods wide, and to lie on the westerly side of said course. One other Town way. Beginning at Rosewell Phelps' house in said Wilbraham, thence N. $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N. 88 rods on said Phelps' land, three rods wide; thence N. $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. $34\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence N. 20° S. 39 rods; thence N. 5° N. 18 rods; thence N. 15° N. 6 rods; then N. 32° N. 64 rods to the monument at the line which separates Wilbraham from Springfield, to be two and a half rods wide, after the distance mentioned on first course. Whole distance $249\frac{1}{2}$ rods. and laid on southerly side of said courses. And the said Commissioners not having heard any sufficient objection to the Establishment of said Town ways, do approve of and allow the same. And they further Order, that said Town ways, as located and above described, be entered and recorded by the Town Clerk of Wilbraham, and become a part of the records of said Town; and that this Order be transmitted to the Town Clerk of said town accordingly. All which is submitted, and accepted.

Patrick Brewer } County,
Cyrus Tracy } Commission
Abner Kyle }

Which Report being read, and considered is accepted:
and the Roads Established as Town ways

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W. Shepard et al
Petition for
Repairs on
Road in
Chester.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Chester,
do hereby represent, to your honorable body, that the Nation
Bridge in said Chester, near the house of John Dickie is
said bridge was carried away by flood the past winter,
and in consequence of the wantlike disposition formerly existing
said bridge have neglected repairing or building said bridge
and thereby causing great detriment and inconvenience to the
public travel passing on said road. We, the undersigned,
most your honorable body to take into consideration the sub-
ject of said bridge, and view and cause the same to be
built. Should public necessity require it, and it is only
just as may be consistent in such case. Also to cause
and cause repairs to be made on said road, leading from
John Dickie in Chester to Mansfield town, being a part of the
English Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation.

Signed

William Shepard and Others.

Chester, October, July 18 1843

The foregoing Petition—

was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden
at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth
day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1843, and by ad-
journment on the 17th day of August, 1843. And now upon
the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners, viewing a view
of the premises aforesaid and proper, give notice, that they
will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house
of Abigail Collins, in Chester, on Friday the twenty second
day of September next at 2 o'clock, P.M. and it is ordered
by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be
deposited by the Sheriff of said County, in his Registry, when the
Clock of the Town of Chester, in said County, shall ring at
least, before the said twenty second day of September, and that
all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by
publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the
Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County three
weeks successively, the last publication to be published days at least
before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the
Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract containing
the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff
or Deputy, in two public places in the Town of Chester four
teen days before said twenty second day of September and that
notice be given, in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corpora-
tions interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view
of the premises aforesaid and proper, and that a view of
the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Wick Police Clerk

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order
made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Aug 23 1843. I served the Town Clerk of

Chester with an attested copy of his petition and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in the public place in said town an order containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

Whereupon the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Resolved That at the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August 1843. In the petition of William Richard and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Walter Bridge in said Chester, over the house of John Bush, in said Chester, was carried away by flood the past winter and in consequence of the Trustees thereof and formerly owning said Bridge, have neglected repairing or building said bridge, and thereby causing great detriment and inconvenience to the public travel passing in said road, and requesting the Commissioners to view said Bridge, and the road, being a part of the eighth Massachusetts Township, from said Bridge to Townsend Line, and to make such order for repairs in said road as public necessity requires, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners during a recess of the summer appointed Friday the twenty second day of September then next and two o'clock in the afternoon at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester being the town within which said road and such actions were prayed for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a list of copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty second day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, and it appearing that the pe-

licenses and the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, by the selectmen in their reports, and also the agent of the Eighteenth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation giving his consent thereto, and desiring that so much of said Turnpike as is located in said Chester from the west end of Walter Bridge to the town line of Blandford, on land of Morton Phelps, be laid out and established as a Common Highway, said Commission desiring that so much of said Turnpike of the Eighteenth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, as the Town of Chester is located between the Western termination of Walter Bridge, near the house of John West, and the town line of Blandford on land of Morton Phelps, should be laid out as a Common Highway. And at the time of said view of the premises no person in Corporation was present, noring to object to the laying out of said road as a Highway, the Commission desiring further that they set out and establish the approved part of said Turnpike as a Common Highway according to the survey, and within the same limits as heretofore established for said Turnpike Corporation. The Commission desiring that Walter Bridge be rebuilt by the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester on the site where the former bridge stood, that the same be made of good materials and be constructed for less than in the old one and be finished so as to be safe for travel by the first day of December next, and that the whole of said Road be put in good repair by that time. And said Commissioners having heard the parties in claims for damages and mutually considering the same on application of the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester for an allowance for rebuilding Walter Bridge, the Commissioners grant them in damages therefor one hundred and twenty-five Dollars.

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John Hyle one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the Town of Chester, did not act with the Board in any part of their proceedings, and that Richard a Special Commissioner of the County, having been notified, appeared and acted as one of the Commissioners. And the Board thus constituted, make and submit their Report Accepted.

Salmon Boise } County Commr
 Cyrus Knox }
 Ezra Lockwell, Clerk Commr

Said Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road established as and for a Highway.

L. Draney

Lorance Draney is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by her on the Hill, in the Town of Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

George Gundy is licensed as a Sealer at the place called Gundy
the Exchange Hotel, in Springfield without authority to sell subject
any more.

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and entered in accounts
as paid out of the Treasury of the County, viz.

to Ralph Lee, Sheriff, for Serving Writs of Notice	16 40
Richard Bliff, Clerk for Taxes, Interest, &c.	210 50
North Clark, Under Keeper of the Jail, for 3 1 st day of April, to 1 st day of Oct. 1843	746 67
Edgar Blake, Overseer of House of Correction	5 00
Salomon Kitch	5 00
Samuel Chapin	5 00
James M. Crockett & Sons Wood	24 00
Samuel K. Gullender Binding Books, Register Office	8 00
Samuel Stone Carriage	6 33
B. S. Richardson Blanks Probate & Clerk	17 25
Mr. W. Dutton Surveying	6 40
E. D. Horns Agricultural knowledge & Tools	6 00
Salomon & Clark Clothing for prisoners	13 25
Isaac E. Bailey Blankets to Jail	38 52
Lee & Harrington, Brooms	1 00
Sam. Shaw taking care of Three River Bridge, &c.	1 00
Amasa Parsons attending Probate Court, taking care of Court House, &c.	35 50

Hampden Co. December 13th 1843 All matters not
acted on, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting
is adjourned without day
Attest Rich^d Bliff, Clerk.

22443.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
 of Hampden, on the Fourth Tuesday of December, being the
 eighth day of said December, and from day to day to the
 twenty ninth day of said month, in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and
 adjournment on the eighteenth day of January and from
 day to day to the 27th day of Jan^y & by adj. on the 1st day of February to the 8th day
 of said month & by adj. to the 23rd day of 2nd month & by adj. on the 12th day of March & by adj.
 on the 27th day of March to the 28th in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & sixty four
 By Patrick Bourc, Esq. Chairman
 Cyrus Finney Esq. } County Commissioners.
 Forbes Hyle Esq. }

J. Nye sub.
 Petition for
 road in
 Blandford

Be the Hon. the County Commissioners of the County of
 Hampden.

The Subscribers respectfully represent, that in the month of
 April, A. D. 1836, the town of Blandford voted to discontinue
 a part of the public road in the northeasterly part of said
 town, leading from Blandford to Chester, from that part of
 said road from Jonathan Nye's east line in said Bland-
 ford to Chester line, near to where it intersects the Turn-
 pike near Peley Cocks, in said Chester, much to the
 damage and inconvenience of those petitioners, and the
 public generally; And your Petitioners would further re-
 present, that the Selectmen of said Blandford, have been
 respectfully petitioned to again open said road, which they have
 neglected and refused to do. Your petitioners now pray
 that you would view, open and lay out, such Highway
 from Jonathan Nye's East line as aforesaid, to the Turnpike
 near Peley Cocks, in said Chester, as your Honors shall
 think the Public wants require, as in duty bound will ever pray.
 (Signed) Jonathan Nye & others.

June 8th 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
 the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday
 of June, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered that
 said Commissioners meet at house of William A. Collins at
 Chester Village, on Wednesday the tenth day of August at
 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of proceeding to
 view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after view-
 ing to hear all persons and corporations interested. Finding
 that if the same shall be adjudged to be of common con-
 venience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road sought
 for, provided no person interested objects to the same, and
 after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons
 and corporations interested, upon the subject of damages.
 Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and cor-
 porations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy

Said petition and the order thereon, were made successively, in the
Hampden Advertiser, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publi-
cation to be printed being at least before the time of said meeting.
And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy,
send the town Clerks of Braintree and Chelsea with an attested copy
of said petition and this order thereon, thirty days at least, and post
the same in two public places in said towns, an abstract, containing
the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the
time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make a
true copy with his savings, to Richard Bliss, the clerk of said
Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order
of the Commissioners.
Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commis-
sioners on the first Tuesday of October A D 1842. And
the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order,
made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. July 5th 1842. I served the town Clerks of
Braintree and Chelsea each, with an attested copy of this pe-
tition, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at
their respective dwelling houses, and also posted, in two public
places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the sub-
stance of said petition.
C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in
writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. August 10, 1842. The County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons
and corporations interested in the petition, of which the above
is a copy in manner as is set forth in the Return of the
Sheriff of the said County, heron endorsed by him, and also
by causing to be published a copy of said petition together
with the order of notice hereon annexed, stating the time
place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a
Newspaper published weekly in said County, called the Hamp-
den Advertiser as required by law in that behalf, and as is set
forth and directed in said order of notice, and at the time
and place mentioned in said order, and proceeded to view
the place and the way as described in said petition; and
having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations
interested therein, who desired to be heard in the premises,
the Commissioners were of opinion that common conveni-
ence and necessity require that a Highway be located
as prayed for in said petition; And they make their ad-
judication accordingly, and submit their Report in the form
seen.

Patrick Boies

Cyrus Knox

Forbes Kyle

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
way adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the house of Mr. A. Collins in Chester, on Wednesday the 25 day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to locate according to the prayer of said petition, and after locating to hear all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of said petition. Also that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested in said petition by publishing in the tract of said petition, and a notice of the time and place and purpose of said meeting, three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a Newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of Blanford and Chester each, with an attested copy of said petition and this order, seven days at least, and post up in two public places in said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings to the Chairman of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden ss. Oct. 22, 1842. I served the town clerk of Blanford and Chester, each, with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon by leaving the same at ^{the} dwelling house of each, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows:

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two. On the petition of Jonathan Ayer and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Inhabitants of the town of Blanford, in the month of April, 1842, voted to discontinue a Road in said Blanford, from said Jonathan Ayer's east land in Blanford, to Chester line, near to where it intersects the Turnpike by Perry Coates, in said Chester, to the damage of the petitioners and the public generally; that the petitioners applied to the Selectmen in said Blanford, to open said Road again, and that they have refused to do so. Wherefore they pray that the Commissioners will view and lay out a Highway where the former one was, or in such place as the public wants require, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed

Monday the tenth day of August then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the towns of Blandford and Chester being the towns within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said tenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and having heard all parties interested in the prayer of said petition, the Commissioners were of opinion that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they so adjudicated on the subject matter thereof, and made and submitted their Report at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the first Tuesday of October then next, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty third day of November then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Abigail Collins in Chester, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway, and hear all parties interested on the subject of damages. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed, for meeting and hearing the parties, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty third day of November, met and proceeded to locate and establish a Town Highway in said Blandford as follows, to wit:

Beginning at Jonathan Nye's and James Brooks' division line, and running a center line in the old Road on said Brooks' land, N. 46° E. 1.56 chains; N. 35° 45' E. 5.00 chs; N. 18° 15' E. 5.00 chs; N. 5° 45' E. 2.31 chs; N. 25° 30' 5.00 chs; N. 19° E. 7.20 chs. to a pair of bars bearing from the Southwest corner of said Brooks' barn, S. 87° W.; then N. 13° 30' E. 3.00 chs; N. 23° 30' E. 3.50 chs; N. 34° 45' E. 4.00 chs; N. 26° E. 3.75 chs; N. 69° 30' E. 1.60 chs. to Martin Phelps' land; then on said Phelps' land, N. 69° 30' 2.10 chs; S. 73° E. 2.00 chs; S. 53° E. 2.72 chs; N. 70° 15' E. 1.00 chs; N. 30° 15' E. 1.88 chs;

N. 11° 15' E. 2.50 chs; N. 25° 15' E. 1.65 chs. to a bar way; N. 15° 30' W. 0.40 chs. to Berley Brooks' land; then on said Brooks' land N. 15° 30' W. 4.10 chs; N. 3° 45' E. 3.32 chs; N. 41° E. 3.25 chs; N. 3° 45' W. 2.56 chs; N. 52° E. to the line of the town of Chester. Said Highway is laid two rods wide. And after surveying and locating said Highway the Commissioners, agreeable to notice, proceeded to hear all persons interested, on the subject of damages, and having heard them, the further consideration of adopting the location of said Highway, and of the apportionment of damages, was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, to be holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and was from said meeting, adjourned from time to time, till the regular meeting of said Commissioners, holden at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December eighteen hundred and forty three, when a Report of said location was made and accepted. And damages were apportioned to the persons and to the towns as follows (to wit):

To James Brooks one hundred and twenty Dollars	120 00
to Martin Phelps thirty Dollars	30 00

The above sums, apportioned as damages, the Commissioners direct to be paid by and be a charge upon the inhabitants of the said Town of Blandford. In the afternoon, making and repairing said Highway, as the same is located and for the accommodation of private persons, than for the public, or for the inhabitants of the town at large, the Commissioners gave no directions to said Town of Blandford how to construct the same, but leave it for the individuals most accommodated, to open, make and repair the same; Reserving to said James Brooks, the right to make and maintain across said road, a dry bridge, for the use of his cattle and for his accommodation in the improvement of his pasturage. All which is submitted. December meeting 1843.

Patrick Boisey
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Jobes Nyle }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Way established as a public Highway.

S. Lumbard
Petitioner for
a Jury.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Your petitioner respectfully represents, that the Town way lately laid out by your Board, in the easterly part of Springfield, leading from Elijah Lumbard to the grist mill near Elisha Lumbard, is not located in the best place on your petitioners land, nor have your Board awarded him any damages. He therefore prays your Board for a Committee or Jury to alter the location of said Way, and to award your petitioners reasonable damages, and the bearer William M. West is hereby authorized to appear with you for the same. Springfield Dec. 26, 1842.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A. D. 1842, and continued to the meeting holden on the Tuesday of June, A. D. 1843. At which meeting the parties agreed on a Committee to estimate the damages, and also the location of said road if they shall deem it expedient, and the Commissioners ordered that A. Abbott, Esq. be said Committee.

And it is Joseph Sumner, Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown all freeholders in said County, and disinterested persons, be said Committee.

And whereas at a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden holden at Springfield, within and for said County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two, Samuel Sumbard presented his petition representing that the Town way, laid out by said Commissioners in the Eastern part of Springfield, leading from Elijah Sumbard to the public road, near Erastus Sumbard is not located in the best place over lands of said petitioner, and that said Commissioners have not awarded the said Sumbard any damages, and praying for a Committee or Jury to alter the location of said way, and award the said Sumbard reasonable damages: Which said road is laid as follows:

Beginning one and a half rods north of the north west corner of Elijah Sumbard's barn; thence running on the south side of said road, E. 22° S. twenty three rods to Stone bridge; E. 29° S. 8 rods; S. 40° E. 10½ rods; S. 44½° E. 14½ rods; E. 22° S. 13½ rods; E. 12° N. 7 rods; E. 31° N. 4 rods, to an Oak staddle; N. 41° E. 10 rods; N. 35° E. 6 rods; 10 links; On Loren Clark's land; N. 22° E. 26 rods; N. 24° E. 16 rods 15 links; N. 33½° E. 10 rods 9 links; N. 27° E. 12½ rods. On Harvey Sumbard's land N. 39° E. 33 rods 13 links; N. 21° E. 71 rods 7 links; N. 26½° E. 20 rods 5 links. On Samuel Sumbard's land, N. 26½° E. 15 rods; N. 26° E. 10 rods. On Harvey Sumbard's land, N. 26° E. 9 rods. On Samuel Sumbard's, N. 42½° E. 11 rods; N. 45° E. 10 rods; N. 60½° E. 12 rods; N. 75½° E. 3 rods 7 links; E. 3° S. 9 rods; E. 15° S. 2 rods 10 links; E. 25½° S. 6 rods; E. 1° N. 3 rods 15 links, to the north east corner of S. Sumbard's barn; E. 20° N. 39 rods 18 links. On Erastus Sumbard's land, E. 20° N. 15 rods, to Sturbridge road. Said road is laid three rods wide.

The aforesaid petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty three at which said meeting the petitioner appeared and agreed with the County Commissioners upon Joseph Sumner, Joseph L. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown, as a Committee to estimate said damages, and to make the proposed alterations, if in their opinion, any ought to be made.

It is therefore Ordered by the County Commissioners, that you Joseph Cummings, Joseph S. Reynolds and Joseph Brown be a Committee to view the premises and you are to be under oath faithfully and impartially to estimate the damages sustained by the said petitioner, and perform the other duties assigned to you, and you are to give due notice to the said Samuel Sumner of the time and place of your meeting to view the premises and attend said service. The County having appointed an Agent to appear before you requires no further notice, and you are to make return of your doings herein, under your hands to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be return for said County, next after you shall have completed said service. By Order of the County Commissioners

Richd. Bliss Clerk.

Hampden 2d August 22, 1843, Personally appeared Joseph Cummings, Joseph S. Reynolds and Joseph Brown, and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially perform the duties assigned them by the above warrant before me.

Hampden 3d August 23, 1843, At the Hon. Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the second Monday of October next.

The subscribers appointed a Committee by the foregoing warrant, having given notice as therein required, and having met the parties at the house of Daniel A. Green, innkeeper in Springfield agreeable to notice, and having viewed the premises, and heard the parties relative to alleging the location, and subject of damages, we were of opinion that no alteration in the location was necessary, or expedient, and we have awarded Samuel Sumner the petitioner no damage, and think he sustains none. And submit our Report accordingly.

Joseph Cummings.

Joseph Brown.

Joseph S. Reynolds.

Which Report being returned to the Court of Common Pleas holden for the County of Hampden on the second Monday of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated upon by the Court, was accepted, and the same was ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County, for the further return and proceedings thereon according to law. Which Report having been returned to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

Testimony of

Warrant of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden Co. At the Sheriff of said County of
Hampden, in said County, on the 2d day of August, 1843.

Whereas, at a regular meeting of the County Commis-

since for the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield, within
and for said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. The
inhabitants of the town of Holland, in said County, by the se-
lection of said town, duly authorized preferred their petition
to the County Commissioners, representing that on the petition
of James C. Septions and others, praying for a Road com-
mencing at the Connecticut line, south east of Sandner
Halls Mill, in Holland, from thence westerly to intersect
the old road from Holland to Union, and from thence
make such alterations and repairs in the old road until it
reaches the town corner, little east of Elisha Kinneys Tavern
in said Holland, and such proceedings having been had
thereon that a road and alterations had been located by
said County Commissioners, and the return thereof duly
made and accepted. At a meeting thereof, on the fourth
Tuesday of December, A. D. 1842, at Springfield aforesaid,
which said road and alterations were laid as follows, to-
wit, Commencing at a stake and stones, on a line
between Union, in the State of Connecticut and the
town of Holland at the termination of a road recently
laid out in said Union; thence N. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 20 rods and
14 links, to stake and stones, near the south bank of
the stream; thence N. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° W. 35 R. 9 L. to stakes and stones;
thence N. 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ ° E. 42 R. 7 L. to stake and stones; N. 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ ° E. 5 R.
to the centre of the travelled path of the road, leading from
Rinaldo Wallis, to Union line; N. 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 20 R. N. 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E.
30 R. to stake and stones, at the end of a road; N. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E.
9 R. 7 L. to an apple tree, the south side of the Highway
leading by said Wallis; N. 25° E. 66 R. to stake and stones;
N. 28° E. 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. to stake and stones N. 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ R. to stake
and stones; N. 32° E. 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ R. to stake and stones; N. 25° E.
36 $\frac{3}{4}$ R. to stake and stones; N. 37° E. 36 R. to stakes and
stones; N. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 24 R. to stake and stones; N. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° E. 62 R.
to a poplar tree, intersecting the old road near the old
Perrin House. The line of said Road is run in the
centre, which is laid 3 rods wide.

Also, an alteration of the old road south of Kings
Tavern, beginning north of a small bridge at stake and
stones; then N. 14° W. 6 R. 18 L.; N. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 4 R. 20 L. to
stake and stones; N. 41° W. 7 R. 14 L. to stake and stones;
N. 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 9 R. 17 L. to stake and stones, intersecting
the old road. Said courses and distances are taken
on the west line of said alteration, and on land of
Rhodolphus Webber. And also representing that said road
was not located on the best route between the termini
and would be in the construction vastly more expensive
to the town and County, than another and different
route, which would be much more conducive to the
general good of the public, and convenience of said

inhabitants, and praying that a Jury may be ordered to change and alter the said road, and the location thereof, between the termini in said petition stated. And whereas, at said meeting first before mentioned the petitioners having caused a sufficient recognizance to be given agreeably to the provisions of law said petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners on the 4th Tuesday of June last, when it was by said Commissioners ordered and directed that the sheriff of said County, summon a Jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matters of Complaint set forth in the petition for such Jury, and to decide all such matters as should legally come before them on such hearing. You are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby required, forthwith to summon a Jury of twelve men for the purpose aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such case made and provided. And to this end, you are to require in writing the select men of the three towns nearest the premises, not interested in the question, to return a number of Jurors, not less than two, nor more than six from any one town, unless in case of necessity. And if, by reason of challenges or otherwise, there shall not be a full Jury of the persons summoned, you are to return some suitable person de talibus circumstantibus, to supply the deficiency; which said Jury are to be sworn well and truly to try all such matters as shall be lawfully submitted to them, under the said Complaint, and to give a true verdict thereon according to the law and the evidence given them. And you, the said Sheriff, are appointed to preside at said trial, and to decide all questions of law, arising thereon which would be proper for the decision of a Judge. And you are to direct the Jury upon any question of law, when requested by either party, and to certify the substance of such your decision or directions to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of either party. You are to give reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting to the parties concerned, and especially to Patrick Boice, who is appointed by said Commissioners, to act as the Agent for and in behalf of the County, in the premises. The said Jury are to be summoned and give their verdict under their hands within two months next after the thirtieth day of June last, and the Verdict so given, to be returned to the Court then next term of the Court of Common Pleas, to be held in and for said County of Hampden, that said Court may adjudicate thereon agreeably to the provisions of law. And you are to certify to the Court your own travel and attendance, and that of each Juror.

Witness Patrick Boice, Esquire, Chairman of the County Commissioners at Springfield, this eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

Rich^d & Bliss, Clerk.

Shelton 24 August 24. A. D. 1843. Then personally appeared Eldridge Phillips, James Conditell, John R. Swan, Alden Bloodwell, James Stilling, Johnson, Bishop, William Ashkett, Roger Brown, John Ash Broadway, Sen and Amos Hitchcock, Jurors sworn in the foregoing case and made solemn oath, that they would well and truly try all such matters as should be lawfully presented to them touching the premises, and give a true verdict there according to the Law and the evidence given them.

By me, David Rice, Sheriff of said County of Hampden.

Pursuant to this warrant, I made application to the selectmen of the Towns of Brimfield, Monson and Wales, to name nearest disinterested towns in said county, requiring them to draw from the Jury Box the names of twelve good and lawful men of said towns, to serve on the Jury herein ordered, and the said Selectmen make due return of said applications as follows, to wit, from Brimfield, James Conditell, Amos Hitchcock, James Stilling, Johnson, Bishop and William Ashkett, from Monson, Eldridge Phillips, John R. Swan, Ash Broadway, Bartholomew Potter and Alden Bloodwell, from Wales, were returned, as appears by the certificates of the selectmen of each of said towns, herewith exhibited; and said Town of Wales did not make return of any Juror. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors to be summoned to appear before me, on Thursday the twentyfourth day of August A. D. 1843, at 9 o'clock A. M. at the house of Eliza Kenney in Holland, and on the twentyfifth day of August aforesaid I notified the said parties concerned to wit the petitioner within named and Patrick Boise, Esq. who was appointed by the County Commissioners, to act as the agent of the County in the premises, of the time and place of appearance said Jury. And on the said twentyfourth day of August, A. D. 1843, I proceeded to empanel said Jurors who were duly sworn as above certified by me; and after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot and fully heard the parties, I caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and sealed up their verdict in the premises, which is herewith returned into Court. The Town of Wales not having returned two Jurors as required, the parties agreed to a jury of ten, as appears by agreement hereto annexed.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

On the petition of the Town of Holland for a Jury to make alterations in the road lately laid out by the County Commissioners, on the petition of Maria C. Sessions and others, it is agreed by said town, and the Agent for the County, that said Jury, may consist of ten, instead of twelve men, two not having been returned from the Town of Wales.

The Inhabitants of Holland try

B. D. Hyde, Attorney.

Patrick Boise, Agent of the County of Hampden.

The Jury on the Petition of the Town of Holland, having heard the parties and witnesses, and the arguments

of counsel, and duly considered the matter submitted to them, hereby find that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted and that the location of said road as made by the County Commissioners ought not to be changed,

Eldridge Phillips, Townman

James Tontello

John A. Keat

John Blodget, Jun

James Mitting

Johnson Bigly

William Tacket

Bartholomew Potter

Abel Broadway, Jun

Amos Hitchcock

Which Verdict being returned to the Court of Common Pleas holden for the County of Hampden, on the second Monday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and having been considered and adjudicated upon by the Court, was accepted, and the same was ordered to be certified to the County Commissioners for said County, for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law. Which Verdict having been returned to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting was read, accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

I Prase at
Petition for
Road in
Sudlow

To the County Commissioners for the County Hampden
Respectfully Represent the undersigned inhabitants of Sudlow in said County that public convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from Sunkville to Sudlow City be called in said Sudlow, leading by the State of Simon Place should be altered so as to make the same of a durable width for travel. They therefore pray that Your Board will do and alter the same and that such proceedings may be had in the premises as the law prescribes

(Signed)

Simon Place and others.

Sudlow, April 1843.

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord 1843. And now upon the Petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming it a view of the necessities, expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Ashley Hayden in Sudlow, on Wednesday the sixteenth day of August next, at 9 o'clock A.M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be given by the Sheriff of said County to his Deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Sudlow, and said County thirty days at least, before the said sixteenth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette a public Newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Com-

messengers, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this Order be posted up by said Sheriff, or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow fourteen days before said 16th day of August, and that notice be given in written form to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the proposed locations and improvements and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was presented to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the first Tuesday of October, A.D. 1843, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order made his return as follows:

I, Sampson D. July 15, 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition, and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made the following return: At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty three. On the petition of Simon Pease and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity require that the Highway from Benkarville, to Ludlow, City, so called in said Ludlow, leading to the house of Simon Pease, should be altered, so as to make the same of a suitable width for travel, and praying that the Commissioners would view the same, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of August, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such alterations and locations of the Highway are proposed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in The Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the first publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, at the time

and place for commencing said view. And on the said sixteenth day of August aforesaid the Commissioners met at the time and place aforesaid, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then adjourned to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common convenience and necessity requires that said highway be altered and made of more convenient width, as prayed for in said petition. And submit their Report, accordingly.

Patrick Boyle

Cyrus Gray

Charles Egle

County Commissioners

Which Report being read and considered was accepted, and the way adjudged of Common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Dwelling house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow on Tuesday the twenty first day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampton Washingtonian, a public Newspaper, printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of November. And it is further ordered, that the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of the town of Ludlow, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, in two public places in said town of Ludlow, fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and also such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Richd. Bidd. Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows:

Hampton N. H. Oct 21. 1863. I served the town clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of the within named petition and this order thereon, by leaving the same at his Dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

By and the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:
That at a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Massachusetts held at Springfield in said
County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and forty three. On the Petition of Simon
Pease and others, then presented to said Commissioners, shew-
ing and setting forth, that the Highway leading from
Southville to Ludlow City, so called, by the house of Simon
Pease should be so altered as to make the same of a
suitable width for travel, as by said Petition on file will
appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the
premises expedient. Appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day
of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon,
at the house of Ashley Hayden, in said Town of Ludlow
as the time and place for viewing the premises, and
caused a copy of said Petition to be served upon the
Clock of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such
alteration of said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view, and also caused
copies of said Petition to be posted in two public places in
said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested
by causing a like copy to be published three weeks suc-
cessively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of said
copy having been fourteen days at least before the time ap-
pointed for said view; and before said view was had, said
Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described
in the foregoing notice of the Petition, to all persons interested
of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the
said sixteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time
and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and
having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was
deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners,
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October
then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and
after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said Petition, and after
considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge
that common convenience and necessity require, that
the existing travelled Highway be so far altered as that
the same be laid wider, and sundry specific repairs
ordered to be made thereon, and after adjudicating
as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the
twenty first day of November then next, and nine
o'clock in the forenoon, at the house lately kept by Ashley
Hayden in said Town, as the time and place when
and where they would meet, and proceed to locate al-
terations in said Highway, and the said Commission-
ers having given notice of the adjudication and the
time and place appointed for the meeting to make

said alterations by causing to be published, in the Massachusetts Register, the petition and order of notice, in the same manner as the notice and publication were given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided before proceeding to view; (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of November met at the time and place appointed on the said twenty first day of November, when, by reason of stormy weather, the Commissioners were unable to attend to the business of their appointment, and said meeting was adjourned till Tuesday the fifth day of December then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the same place and notice was given by them of the time and place of said adjournment; and on said fifth day of December the Commissioners met, and proceeded to locate and establish a Highway as follows:

Beginning, at the Town line between Sudlow and Granby, the stone monument near Alonzo Warner's house, being the northern limits of the road, said Highway to be laid three rods wide, and the courses taken in the center of the road. First Course South 54° East, $40\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 63° E. 23 rods; S. $48\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 15 rods to the front of Henry Darnon's house, a maple tree within his fence marked for the west side of the road; then S. 39° E. 13 rods to a small Elm on the west side, marked; S. 35° E. 15 rods; S. $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 15 rods; S. 4° E. 11 rods, the end of James M. Kendall's house, made the eastern limit of the road; S. 6° E. 11 rods; S. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 19 rods; S. 23° E. 17 rods to Lyon's road; S. 14° 15 E. 7 rods; S. $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 33 rods; S. $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $23\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 21° 45 E. 57 rods; S. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 37 rods; S. $10\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 30 rods; S. $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 23 rods; S. $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 56 rods, to the north brow of the hill; S. $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 24 rods; S. $9\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 26 rods; S. 7° E. 13 rods; S. 1° W. 17 rods to the South brow of the hill; S. 2° E. 12 rods; S. $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 32 rods, crossing a small bridge; S. $36\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 21 rods; S. $39\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 42 rods a little south of Ezekiel Fuller's house; then S. 9° E. 30 rods; S. $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 19° E. 12 rods, to a point east of Moses Rood's well post; S. 29° E. $23\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 12° E. 5 rods in front of Josiah Aldens 2^d house; S. 14° W. 4 rods; S. 25° W. 15 rods; S. 39° W. 15 rods; S. 23° W. 37 rods, to the front of Moses Rood's old house; S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 33 rods; S. $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 19 rods; S. 20° W. 5 rods; S. 49° W. 30 rods; S. 47° W. $23\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 40° W. $14\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the front of Simon Peases' house; then S. $30\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 27 rods; S. $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 22 rods; S. 22° W. 29 rods to the front of Gates Willey's house; S. $24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $36\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $64\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ rods East of a White Oak tree, a little north of Higbee brook; S. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 35 rods; S. 2° E. 13 rods; S. $2^{\circ} 30'$ W. $13\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 65 rods; S. $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 42 rods, a marsh on both sides of the road; then S. $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 13° E. 10 rods; S. $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 34 rods; S. 6° W. 8 rods to a point West, $1\frac{1}{2}$ rods, from Gilbert Fuller's gate post, on the plain; then S. $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $30\frac{1}{2}$ rods; S. 11° W. 27 rods; S. 4° W. 9 rods, to the road leading from Warren Hubbards to Kentville.

and after locating said highway, the Commissioners, having given notice for that purpose, proceeded to hear all persons claiming damages who desired to be heard, and having heard them, the further consideration of that subject was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the fourth Wednesday of December then next, when they proceeded to assess damages to the persons and in the sums following:

1. To James W. Kendall forty dollars.
Dorman, who owns the Orchard on west side of the road, twelve dollars } 12.00

The Commissioners give directions for the construction of said road, that the fences be removed from the same to the limits of the road; that the travelled path be made smooth and even, and fifteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. And the Commissioners order, that the hill north of Ezekiel Fuller's house be repaired, by reducing the same, and by filling up in the hollow ground at the foot of the hill, so that the travelled path shall in no place exceed four degrees elevation, and that sluices be sunk in the road near the central part of said hill, and covered so as to drain the water from said hill, and secure the travelled path from mire and mud. And the Commissioners further order, that the bridge across the run of water north of Simon Pease's land, and near the land of Moses Reed be extended west fifteen feet, or so much further as shall accommodate the road as laid. The work of said road, to be made and repaired to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of October next. The owners of land have the privilege to remove timber, rocks, and other materials before the first day of August next. All which is submitted. December meeting 1843.

Patrick Boice }
Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
Frederick Kyle }

Which report being read and considered was accepted, and they way established as and for a Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represent the undersigned Inhabitants of Ludlow, in said County, that public convenience and necessity require, that the Highway from the house of Dechariah Joy to a place called the guide board in Ludlow, is crooked and narrow in many places. They therefore pray, that your Board would view and alter the same, and that such proceedings may be had in the premises.

W. H. Joy
Petition for
Road in
Ludlow

as the law prescribes,

(Signed) Theodore Tikes & others.
Ludlow, June 5. 1843.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, 1843. And now when the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Ashley Haydon, in Ludlow, on Thursday the seventh day of August next at nine o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be sent by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in said County, thirty days at least before the said 17th day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before said 17th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1843. When it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Widow Jeremiah Fuller in Ludlow, on Thursday the twenty third day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Hampshire Washington or other newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of November. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, send the Clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an abstract containing the substance of said

petition in two public places in said town of Ludlow previous
to at least before the said twenty third day of November at
which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish
said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations
interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard,
and also such damages as in their opinion may be just and
proper on reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Blin^d Esq^r

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the order
made at their meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1843,
made his return at the proper time, as follows:

Hampden Co. July 18. 1843. I served the Town Clerk of
Ludlow with an attested copy of the within petition and
gave of notice thereof, by leaving the same at his dwelling
house, and also posted up in two public places in said
town, an abstract, containing the substance of said
petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At the October meeting the Commissioners made their viewing Report as follows,
and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order of the October meeting made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 21. 1843. I served the Town Clerk
of Ludlow with an attested copy of the petition within
showed in leaving the same at his dwelling house,
and also posted up in two public places in said town,
an abstract containing the substance of said pe-
tition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield
in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Theodore Sikes, and others,
then presented to said Commissioners, representing and
setting forth that public convenience and necessity
require, that the Highway from the house of Zecha-
riah Day to a place called the Guide Board
in Ludlow, is crooked and narrow in some places,
and praying that the Commissioners would cause
such proceedings that said Highway may be altered,
as by said petition on file will appear. The Com-
missioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,
appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of August
their next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the
house of Ashley Hayden in Ludlow as the time
and place for viewing the premises, and caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk
of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which
such alterations in said Highway, are prayed for, thirty
days at least before the time appointed for said
view, and also caused copies of said petition to

be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said Boston and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view; and on the said seventeenth day of August, aforesaid, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the alterations should be made and the proceedings had as prayed for in said petition, and accordingly submit their report.

Patrick Boice }
Cyrus Kney } County Commissioners
Elihu Kyle }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted. And this petition was continued to this meeting, and now it is considered and ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

Hartford &
Springfield
R. R. Cor.

Petition to
Road or Highway

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
The petition of the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation for Massachusetts respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Road through the town of Springfield in said County, and that the Highway leading from the Pocomassick brook, near the Sam mill of Charles Stearns to a point north of the Lower Ferry in said Springfield, interferes with the location thereof. And for the greater facility of making and using said Rail Road, and for the security thereof, and of the travel on said Highway, they have thought proper to change the location of said Highway, for the distance above specified, by turning and locating the same more easterly, and east of and nearly parallel to said Rail Road, placing the same and passing upon lands of Charles Stearns, Betsey Smith, Whetzel B. Chappell, Joseph Lombard, Simon Pomeroy, Marble Wood, and Walter Warner, all of said Springfield, and Emily Coomes, Emily Coomes, Jr. Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Gilbert Coomes, Edwin Coomes and Edward Coomes, children of said Emily.

all of Longmeadows in said County, and they have also thought proper to change the location of the Highway in said Springfield leading from said Pocomuck Brook to Long Hill, near its intersection with the Highway first above specified, by turning the same a little more easterly and southeasterly, thereby passing upon land of Charles Stearns of said Springfield the said Highway now intersecting with the location of said Rail Road and the said change being necessary for the greater facility of making said Rail Road, and for the security thereof. Therefore your petitioners pray that, after due notice, the Commissioners would direct in what manner, said Highways shall be made, and will make location thereof, and do all things relating to the same, which the law requires.

Witness at Springfield, this 7th day of November, A.D. 1843.

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation,

By Chester W. Chapin, Agent.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield in the County of Hampden. Whereas the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation in Massachusetts have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said County, so that the same is crossed by a public way leading from Pocomuck Brook to a point above the Lake Ferry and also a Highway from said Brook up to Long Hill, near its intersection with the first above mentioned, and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same they think proper to alter the courses of said ways, as follows, viz, by turning each of said Highways more easterly and off from the Rail Road location, and have requested the Commissioners to renew the premises, and direct the manner in which said ways shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Saw Mill of Charles Stearns in said Springfield, on the 18th day of November instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order,

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

Springfield, Nov. 8th A. D. 1843. I certify that I have this day left with one of the Selectmen of Springfield a true copy of the above notice. Nov. 9th 1843.

Moses Bliss.

To Charles Stearns, Betsey Smith, Chester W. Chapin, Joseph Lombard, Simon Pomeroy, Reuben Wood, and Walter Harriner, all of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, and Emily Coomes, and Emily Coomes Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Gilbert Coomes, Edwin Coomes and Edward Coomes, children of said Emily, all of Longmeadows, in the County of Hampden, Whereas the Hartford and Springfield Rail

Road Corporation (in Massachusetts) have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County, so that the same ^{crossed} by a public way leading from ~~Deer~~ South Brook, to a point above the Lower Ferry and ~~into~~ a Highway from said Brook up to Long Hill near its intersection with the first above mentioned and that for the purpose of facilitating the crossing of the same, they think proper to alter the courses of said ways as follows, viz. by turning each of said Highways more easterly and off from the Rail Road location so that the same as altered will pass over lands owned by you severally, and have requested the Commissioners to view the premises, and direct the manner in which said ways shall be altered. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the law mill of Charles Stearns, in said Springfield, on the 18th day of November, instant, at 10 O'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Per order.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

Springfield, Nov. 8th A.D. 1843.

I certify that I have this day served upon each of the above named persons, a true copy of the above notice
Nov. 9th 1843.
Abner Bliss.

Memorandum for Meeting of the County Commissioners fourth Tuesday of December, 1843. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield in and for said County on the seventh day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty three, by adjournment from the regular meeting of said Commissioners holden at said Springfield on the first Tuesday of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty three the foregoing petition having been presented and duly entered at said meeting, and the said Commissioners being of opinion that a view of the Highway and places mentioned in said petition was necessary, before proceeding to act on the subject matter thereof, caused due notice to be given to all persons interested as owners and proprietors of lands on which the Highway, if altered according to the tenor of said petition may be located, and notices having been given to the persons named, as follows (to wit) Charles Stearns, Belong Smith, Chester B. Chappell, Joseph Lombard, Leonard Somers, Heber Wood and Walter Worries of Springfield and Emily Coomes, Emily Coomes Jr. Mary Coomes, Ellen Coomes, Silbert Coomes, Edward Coomes and Edward Coomes children of said Emily Coomes, of Longmeadow in said County of Hampden. And the Commissioners having also caused notice to be given to the Selectmen of the Town of Springfield, the town in which said Highway is situated, as appears by returns made on said notices, and on file, that the Commissioners

met at the law office of Charles Stearns in said Springfield on the eighteenth day of December, aforesaid, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to view the premises, and under the manner in which said highway should be altered, if the same should be found necessary and proper to be done, and to hear all parties interested in the alteration of said way. The Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and having viewed the premises, and having heard all parties interested, and the Selectmen of Springfield being present and making no objection to the alterations proposed, the said Commissioners were of opinion that said alteration would improve the said Highway, and would benefit the location and security of the said Hartford and Springfield Rail Road, and they proceeded to establish an alteration of said Highway as follows, to wit.

Beginning at a point in the easterly line of the Longmeadow road, near Pecow-sick Brook, and about 30 feet South-westerly from Stearns' Gristmill, and running thence $N 60^{\circ} E$ about 425 feet, to a point where the two roads are located 5 rods wide; thence $N 45^{\circ} E$ about 333 feet to a point on the east side of the Long Hill road, where the two roads are located 7 rods wide; thence westerly across the Long Hill road 2 rods, to a point where the Longmeadow road is located 5 rods wide; thence $N 13^{\circ} E$ about 588 feet, to a point where the Longmeadow road is located 3 rods wide; thence a three rod road as follows, bearing westerly on a regular curve with a radius of 2375 feet, for a distance of about 1290 feet; thence $N 9^{\circ} 15' W$ about 427 feet to its intersection with the old road on land of Walter Warriner, a little northeasterly of South Ferry. No person interested as owner of land desiring to be heard, in opposition to said alteration, or on any claim for damages, and it being understood by the Commissioners that such claims had been settled and extinguished by the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Company, no damages were assessed. The said Commissioners deem that said Highway as altered and established by them be made and completed in good order and a good and sufficient fence be constructed on the line between said highway and the Rail Road, and the whole work to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, by the first day of June 1884. This Report made and accepted at a regular meeting of the County Commissioners in open and public session held within and for said County of Hampshire on the fourth succeeding day of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

Patrick Deane,

Clerk, Knox County Commissioners.

Witness my hand.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and the alterations established as a public Highway.

County of Hampden St. at a meeting of the County Commissioners.

held at Springfield, in and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1843 - the County Commissioners taking into consideration the necessity of raising a County Tax, to defray the current expenses of the County for the year next ensuing, have agreed upon and made an estimate as follows,

For payment of Grand and Probate Jurors	3,000.00
and third expenses of Criminal Prosecutions	1,050.00
Clerks of Court for Jurors, Deputies, &c.	200.00
Sheriffs, Constables, Clerks of Court &c.	900.00
" Service of Venues	175.00
" Expenses for taking Inquisitions	120.00
" Detaining prisoners and articles for the Jail	1,000.00
" Building House of Correction, furniture &c.	4,300.00
" Repairs of County buildings	200.00
" Books, Stationery for County Officers	100.00
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees &c.	1,500.00
" Damages for lands fencing, &c. by location of roads	2,000.00
" Allowance to Towns for making Roads & Bridges	1200.00
" repairs of County Bridges	200.00
Outstanding debts against the County after deducting balance of taxes for the Year 1843 and other available resources.	1,058.00
	17,034.50

Ways and Means.

Estimated receipts from fines, forfeitures and other resources.	1,034.50
County Tax, for the Year 1844.	17,000.00
	17,034.50

The whole tax to be adopted for defraying the expenses of the County for the Year 1844, is estimated at above eleven thousand Dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for approbation, and in accordance to the provisions of law in that behalf.

Patrick Boise, Chairman of County Commis.

Witness

The following accounts were presented, allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury, viz:	
to Caleb Rice, Sheriff, orders of Notices	11.89
" Richard Bliss, Clerk, orders of Notices, &c.	25.65
" Patrick Boise, fees on sundry motions to &c.	30.00
" William Rice amount paid on criminal prosecutions	1,050.00
" Amasa Parsons balance due of Court House attending Probate Court, &c.	42.50

John Jones, Coroner, Inquest upon the body of	3.50
Samuel R. Shaw, May, 1843.	1.37
Lugman John Smith	1.37
Royal Wales	1.37
Jonathan Needham	1.37
Isaac Rodgers	1.37
James C. Royce	1.37
Abraham Gardner	1.37
Witnesses Turner Moulton	.58
Samuel Shaw	.58
Charles C. Smith	.58
George W. Smith	.58
Edwin Converse	.58
Sarah W. Shaw	.58
Constable Adams Stewart	2.16
Cornelius Miller, for use of house	.25
Samuel Bowles, advertising Financial Statement &c.	17.13
C. Torrey, " Notices	3.50
William Store, " Petitions, &c	40.25
Walter Hawley, " " "	5.75
(L. F. Ashley) &c. " " "	15.08
A. H. Warratt, " " "	11.00
Wm. Butler Surveying &c	8.00
George Booth, " "	5.00
Dennis & Winsor Labor and materials County House	54.90
Chas. A. Bartlett, " " Court House	7.98
C. Torrey, bark paid for Surveying &c	3.25
George M. Dutton paper for Registrar's office	13.38
J. & C. Merriam, " " Clerk's office	20.14
John Bailey Repairing Stoves, &c	3.88
A. D. Day Milling for prisoners	6.00

Ordered That Patrick Boise and Norman Norton, be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer

Order of
Court

Phelps Gay of Westfield, is appointed Master of the House of Correction for this County, to take effect on the first day of April, 1844.

Elijah Blake, Solomon Hatch, and William Child, Overseers are appointed Overseers of the House of Correction, to take effect on the first day of April 1844.

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield on and for the County of Hampden on Monday the 4th Tuesday of June, 1843. The Commissioners taking section by into consideration the great increase of criminal cases and the want of a suitable place was provided by the County for the discipline.

and employment of criminals under conviction and sentence to be
 that public morals as well as the laws of the Commonwealth
 that such provision should be made and having been dissatisfied
 in their former efforts to unite with other counties in building
 a House of Correction for the mutual benefit of such counties
 as should consent to unite for that purpose, in conformity with
 the provisions of a statute of the Commonwealth, on that behalf
 the said Commissioners felt it to be their duty to take imme-
 diate measures for the erection of a House of Correction for the
 County. After making enquiry and taking pains to find a suit-
 able location, for the building and endeavoring to procure the
 best and most approved plan for the building, they employed Capt.
 Charles McCallum to superintend the building of the same to be
 used as a Jail and House of Correction for said County, on the
 site of the former Jail, and adjoining to the County House. The
 whole work has been skillfully and faithfully performed by Capt.
 McCallum, to the acceptance of the Commissioners and within the
 estimated expense of the establishment.

The expense of the building, fixtures and fitting
 chambers in the County House, with grates
 windows, for the confinement of prisoners was amount \$201 34

Patrick Doisey

Agnes May

Forbes Hyle

County Commissioners

March 28. 1844.

The following accounts were presented, examined and order-
 ed by the Commissioners to be paid,

to John D. Lockhart, Attorney, in and upon	
the body of Lea Jacobs, February 1844.	2 40
Thompson, David M. Deputy Foreman	1 73
Hyndman Taylor	1 73
Andrew Hubbard	1 73
William Banks	1 73
James Dickinson	1 73
Henry Goodwill	1 73
Witnesses George Field	.58
J. Bly	.58
Mr. L. Higgins	.58
Enoch Jacobs	.58
Samuel Jacobs	.58
Mary Ann Jacobs	1 58
Benjamin B. Smith	5 01
Butfield, William, Contingent, in Jail	
Wages 160 Slave hire, fire, food, shoe, soap &c. &c.	10 57
Simon Washburn, Labor, chamber, Jail &c. for 17 & 18	24 26

Hampden Co. March 28. 1844 All matters not acted upon, are ordered
 to be reconsidered, and this meeting is adjourned without day.
 Attest Ricki Bishop, Clerk.

County of Massachusetts,
Hampden Co. At the meeting of the County Commissioners, begun
and held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden,
on the second Tuesday of April, being the ninth day of said
month, and from day to day to the tenth day of said month,
and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of said month and
from day to day to the eighteenth day of said month, and
by adjournment on the eighth day of May, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

By Patrick Boise, Esq. }
 Cyrus Snow Esq. } County Commissioners.
 Forbes Kyle Esq. }

Justin Heller, Willis Phelps, and Samuel Root, Esqs. Commissioners
having been declared, by the examiners, duly elected County
Commissioners for the County of Hampden, appeared on the
ninth day of April, A. D. 1844, and are qualified before Justice
William Hunt, Samuel Crocker, Esquires, Declares Justices, and said
Commissioners being so qualified, proceeded to the choice of a
Chairman of said Board, and the whole number of votes for
Chairman was three and Willis Phelps had two, and was chosen.

That having been declared elected a Special
Commissioner, was also sworn by the above Justices on the
ninth day of April, 1844.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, D Collins & others
The undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Chester Petition for
in said County at Chester Village and vicinity, would res- laying out &
pectfully represent, that the Road passing through said Mass. Turnpike
Village, and known as the road belonging to the Eighth as Highway in
Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, is much out of re- Chester
pair; and having understood that said Corporation will
not put said road in repair, and that your Honors will,
at some future day, view said road, on the part pass-
ing through the towns of Russell and Blandford. We
would petition your Honors that at the time you may
view said Road in Russell that you would view and
locate said Turnpike as a County Road, commencing
at the termination of your last location of said road
near Martin Phelps in Chester, and leading Eastwardly on
the route of said Turnpike to Blandford line, at Chester
village, or to intersect your location of said road
through Russell and Blandford, and as in duty bound will
ever pray. Chester Village, Oct. 2. 1843.

Signed Daniel Collins & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday
of October, A. D. 1843, and continued to the meeting of

the County Commissioners on the eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord 1844, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1843. And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Russell Hawley, in Russell on Wednesday the twentieth day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be sent by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to the Clerk of the town of Chester in said County, thirty days at least before the said twentieth day of March, and that all persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chester, fourteen days before said twentieth day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. Feb. 8th 1844. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up an abstract of said petition in two public places in said town, more than 14 days before said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the eighteenth day of January in the year 1844, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the Petition of Daniel Collins Jr. and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Road passing through said Village, being a part of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike, commencing at Stamford line near Martin Phelps' house, and running easterly on the route of said Turnpike, to where it intersects again the Stamford line at Chester Village, has been abandoned by the Corporation, and that said Corporation neglect to

and the same in repair; therefore they pray that the Commission-
ers would view the said road and locate the same as a
County road, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises ap-
pointed Wednesday the twentieth day of March
last, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of
Capt. Warner, in Russell, as the time and place for viewing
the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be
sent when the Clerk of the Town of Chester, being the
town within which such location of said Highway is
prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for
said view; and also caused abstracts of said petitions con-
taining the substance thereof to be posted in two public pla-
ces in said town, and also gave notice to all persons
interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks
successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of
said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in
the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested
of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of March, the Commis-
sioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, said
Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the
prayer of said petition, and after considering the same,
said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience
and necessity require that the Road mentioned in said
petition heretofore used as a part of the Eighth Massachu-
setts Turnpike in said towns of Chester and Blanford be
established and located as a Common Highway, and that
the prayer of said petition be granted.

The Commissioners having made the adjudication
aforesaid, and at the time of the view no person or
corporation interested appearing to make any objection,
to the establishment of said Road as a Common High-
way, and the said Eighth Massachusetts ^{Turnpike} Corporation and
the town of Chester, in which said Road is situated,
having given their assent to the same, and the town of
Blanford, through which a part of said road passes,
making no objection, said Commissioners proceeded,
forthwith, to locate, as a Common Highway, that part
of said Turnpike, commencing at the northerly line of
Blanford near Martin Phelps House, crossing a small part of
the town of Blanford, and crossing to Chester line, and
through said town of Chester, till it again reaches the
Blanford line, near Chester Village, then on through
Blanford till it intersects the line of Russell, and they
locate said Highway with the same limits, and be-

according to the courses and points established in the survey of the said Turnpike, as the same was located by said Corporation. And the said Commissioners think that said towns of Chester and Standford have the parts of said Road within their respective town limits in good shape, and that the same be repaired from time to time and supported and maintained as other common and public Highways by the said towns of Chester and Standford. It claims having been made by any person or Corporation for damages none were offered. In the proceedings of establishing said Highway, John Tyler, one of the Commissioners, being interested as an Inhabitant of the town of Chester, Elgar Rockwell, a special Commissioner, was notified and attended and acted as one of the Board of in the above proceedings and the Board thus constituted, make and submit their report

Patrick Beise

Ezra Knox

} County Commissioners

Elgar Rockwell Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the way established as and for a Common Highway.

Selection of
Rufell in the
petition for
laying out 8th
Map Turnpike
as a Highway

We the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Respectfully represent the Subscribers, the Selection of the
town of Rufell, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said town, and
also, the late agent of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Cor-
poration, that said Corporation have lately abandoned their Road
and do not longer intend to keep the same in repair; they
therefore pray, that your board would view that part of said
Turnpike which lies in the town of Rufell, between the towns
of Westfield and Standford, and establish the same as a
Common Highway. Jan. 3. 1844

Signers

Benjamin Pomeroy

John Dickinson

Elijah Bales, for 8th Map Turnpike Company

Selection of Rufell

The foregoing petition was entered at a session of the
County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of De-
cember, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and forty three.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners
deemingly a view of the premises expedient and proper give
notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at
the dwelling house of Russell Hawley in Russell, on Wednesday the
twentieth day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered
by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be
served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk
of the town of Rufell in said County thirty days at least before
the said twentieth day of March, and that all other persons and
Corporations interested therein be notified, by publication a copy
of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Gazette
a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks at
least, the last publication to be fourteen days at least

for the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the
Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing
the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff
or Deputy in two public places in the town of Russell fourteen
days before the said twentieth day of March, and that notice
be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations
interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the
premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same
will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to this meeting. And
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing
order made his return as follows:

Worcester, Feb. 12. 1844. I served the town clerk
of Russell with an attested copy of this petition and order
to notice therein by leaving the same at his dwelling house,
and also posted up in two public places in said town,
more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting,
an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report
in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Worcester, &c. At a meeting of the County Commission-
ers of the County of Worcester, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the nineteenth day of January, in the year eighteen
hundred and forty four, by adjournment from the fourth
Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty
three. On the petition of the Selectmen of Russell and others,
then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting
forth that the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation
have lately abandoned their road, and do not longer in-
tend to keep the same in repair; wherefore the said Se-
lectmen on behalf for the Inhabitants of the town of Rus-
sell, and also, the sole agent of said Corporation pray
that that portion of the road within the limits of the
town of Russell, between the towns of Blackford and West-
field, may be located as a common Highway, as by said
petition in file, will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of March,
then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house
of Rufus Stanley in Russell, as the time and place for
viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said peti-
tion to be served upon the clerk of the town of Russell,
being the town within which said Highway is sought
for, thirty days at least before the same appointed for
said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons

interested, by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said printing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view. And before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of March, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and after hearing all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said road be discontinued as a Turnpike, and established as a Common Highway, and that the prayer of said petition be granted. And after the Commissioners had made the adjudication aforesaid, and at the time of making the view, as aforesaid, as no person or corporation interested appeared to make objection to the location of said road as a Common Highway, according to the prayer of said petition, and it also appearing that the said Corporation and the said town of Russell gave their assent to the same, the said Commissioners proceeded, forthwith, to locate and establish as a Common Highway, that part of the Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike which lies in said town of Russell, beginning at the northern termination, at the line of the town of Westfield, thence running through said town of Russell, with the same bounds and course, and within the same limits as established in the survey of said Turnpike, when the same was located under the charter of the said Eighth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation, and extending said Highway till it intersects the line of the town of Westfield. And no person or corporation appearing to claim damages, were were assessed by the Commissioners. And the said Commissioners decreed that the town of Russell make repairs on said road, and make the same safe and convenient for public travel by the fifteenth day of June next, to the acceptance of the Commissioners. And that said road be hereafter maintained and kept in repair as a common and public Highway. Josias Tyler, one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend the meeting of the Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid on account of extreme sickness in his family, Wyal Rockwell, a Special Commissioner of said County, having been notified, attended, and acted as one of the board of Commissioners in the above mentioned proceedings, and the Board thus constituted, returned their Petition

Salust B. Wise } County Commissioners
 Cyrus Knox }
 Wyal Rockwell, Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road established as well for a public Highway.

Henry Shepard is licensed as an Innkeeper and Common Victualler, Sheppard at the House called the Union House in North Blumford.

Wm. Hutton is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Franklin Hutton House in the Hill in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

William Miller is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Commercial Miller House in Northville without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Levy Ledy is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Exchange, Spring Ledy field without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Charles A. Buchanan is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Franklin Buchanan House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

David M. Parsons is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Hampden Parsons House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

James Warner is licensed as an Innkeeper at the United Warner Hotel in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Henry W. Tenney is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Mechanics W. Tenney Hotel in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Samuel Chapin is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Massasoit M. Chapin House in Springfield without license to sell intoxicating drinks.

Charles Chapin is licensed as an Innkeeper at the Cabot E. S. Chapin House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Arthur Adams is licensed as an Innholder at the Chicopee Adams Falls Hotel without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Julius Taylor is licensed as an Innkeeper at Washingtonian Taylor House in Springfield without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Samuel A. Green is licensed as an Innholder at his House Green on the North east corner of the Common in Springfield.

Levi Calkins is licensed as an Innholder at the Three Calkins Rivers Hotel in Palmer.

Phineas Allen is licensed as an Innholder at the Allen Rail Road House at Palmer Depot.

Oliver Turner is licensed as an Innholder at his House Turner in Palmer.

- Allen John Allen is licensed as an Innholder at the Palmer House at Palmer Depot.
- Kinney Eliza Kinney is licensed as an Innholder at her House in Holland.
- Drake Clement Dr. Drake is licensed as a Retailer at his Shop in Holland.
- Weatherbe William Weatherbe is licensed as an Innholder at Southwick in the House of widow Elizabeth Beebe.
- Crooks W. S. Crooks are licensed as Innholders at their House in East Longmeadow.
- Cotton Samuel Cotton is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Longmeadow without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.
- A. Norciss Albert Norciss is licensed as a Retailer at his Shop in Attson.
- Norciss Amos Norciss is licensed as an Innholder at his Stand in Attson without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.
- Paul Elias Paul is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the Hotel in Thetford Village, Palmer, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.
- Levens Samuel Levens is licensed as a Common Victualler in his Shop on east side of the Green in Westfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.
- Brown Charles Brown is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.
- Johnson Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder in the place now occupied by him in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.
- Walker Lewis R. Walker is licensed as a Retailer at his Dwelling House in Wales.
- Stiller Cornelius Stiller is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Wales.
- Chandler Sarah Chandler is licensed as a Common Victualler in his Shop in Iron Building in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.
- Cooley Timothy Cooley is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Canville.

Abner Lockie is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Springfield, without authority to sell Wine, Ale, Beer, Cider or any other
intoxicating liquors.

Stocking

Geo. Chapman is licensed as an Innholder at his House
in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Chapman

Thomas Thomas is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Springfield, without authority to sell any intoxicating drinks.

Thomas

Hermon Perkins is licensed as an Innholder at the House
he now occupies in West Springfield, without authority to sell
intoxicating drinks.

Perkins

Joseph Butler is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Andover, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Butler

Joseph Luzzell is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Andover, without authority to sell intoxicating drinks.

Luzzell

John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Wilbraham.

Baldwin

Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at his House in
Wilbraham.

Fuller

Abby Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at the Colman
Farm Coffee House in Springfield without authority to
sell intoxicating drinks.

Hayden

Leona Hayden is licensed as an Innholder at the Frank-
lin House in Springfield without authority to sell
intoxicating drinks.

Hayden

Glosson Perdston is licensed as an Innholder at William Perdston
sell, in Springfield, without authority to sell intosi-
cating drinks.

Perdston

Morgan & Day are licensed as Innholders at the Amer-
ican House in Springfield, without authority to sell
intoxicating drinks.

Morgan & Day

Spencer Jennings is licensed as an Innholder at the Rail-
Road House in Springfield, without authority to
sell intoxicating drinks.

Jennings

Henry Green is licensed as an Innholder at the "Five Mile
House" in Springfield, without authority to sell intox-
icating drinks.

Green

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Tallmadge

Marcus M. Tallmadge is licensed as an Innholder at his House in West Springfield

Cortin

Elias Cortin is licensed as an Innholder at his House in West Springfield

Croft

Chester Croft is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Ireland Parish.

Palmer

Marcus Palmer is licensed as an Innholder at his House in Herding Hills.

Chaffee

Thomas L. Chaffee is licensed as an Innholder at the Island first Coffee House in Islandford.

Collins

Marrington Collins is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at Chester, South Village.

May. 1844

In conformity with a Resolve of the General Court, passed on the ninth day of March, A. D. 1844, granting a tax of Seven-teen thousand Dollars for the County of Hampshire, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following

Bransford	669.74
Brimfield	726.74
Chester	432.74
Granville	491.74
Holland	140.00
Longmeadow	544.74
Ludlow	612.73
Monson	1,040.25
Montgomery	175.75
Palmer	1,135.25
Russell	223.25
Southwick	445.74
Springfield	5,035.16
Tolland	380.25
Wales	347.80
Westfield	1,523.23
West Springfield	1,502.73
Wilbraham	655.47

and Warrants have been issued dated the tenth day of April A. D. Eighteen hundred and forty four, directed to the selectmen & officers of the several towns in the County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns and requiring their respective collectors or Constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice, Tax Collector for Hampshire or his Receiver, or order by the last day of August next ensuing, as the law directs.

The following amounts were presented, examined, allowed, and accounted to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Richd Bice Sheriff for serving Commissioners Orders	5.38
Richard Bice, Entries, continuances, Recordings, &c	38.30
James Parsons, cleaning & taking care of Office &c	52.44
James & Co. Deakins, Bond, Lead Pikes &c. &c of Gov	74.64
George W. Hollender Binding Record Books &c	14.00
J. H. D'Wolf Keeping C. Record, county printer 25 weeks &c	76.00
Frank Clark expenses as undertaker for prisoners &c	1126.71
W. H. Miller for medical attendance, &c. for prisoners &c	2.50
James Butler sundries at A. Clark for H of Gov	6.24
Charles Porter for Printing Rules for H of Gov	5.00
W. S. Correll 1 Year for Burlington	3.00
Carl Kendall for shoes, &c for prisoners	14.00
Ship, Choke &c for candles &c	4.28
Richard Braker Repairing Stone	2.62
Patience & Clark Pantaloons, at Clark	12.50
" W. H. Billings, Medical Attendance &c at jail	10.00
Draper & Bailey, sundries for jail	23.30
Henry Hardman for shoes at A. Clark	1.00
Marion Tool &c Locks &c H of Gov	5.13
Frank B. Clark, taking care of prisoners from 5 th day of Nov 1843 to 5 th day of April 1844 - 257	125.00
Charles W. Clifton work & materials (in jail) same term as above	566.00

Mammoth sp. May 8. 1844. All matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Richd Bice, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fifth day of said month, to the twenty sixth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty ninth day of said month, and by adjournment on the twenty day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Present. Miles Phelps, Esq. Chairman
 Samuel Root, Esq.
 Austin Fuller Esq. } County Commissioners.

P. Thersdall's
 petition for al-

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
 We the subscribers represent, that the road leading from the location of Henderson's meeting house, to Stafford line, running by Mr. John A. Bond, is circuitous and out of repair. We therefore pray your Honorable body to view a route commencing near the place now occupied by John Bond, thence running southerly until it intersects the road near Joseph Barnard's. Also, another route, commencing a little south of Ebenezer Barnard's, thence running southerly until it intersects the old turnpike near the large school house, so called, and make such alterations as you think proper.

Signed: P. Thersdall, & others.
 Hampden, July 17, 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield, within and for said County —

on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord, 1843, and by adjournment on the 19th of August, A. D. 1843. and now upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will, meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of James Bond in Hampden, on Thursday the fifth day of October, next, at 11 o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy upon the clerk of the Town of Hampden, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said fifth day of October and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view, and it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places in the Town of Hampden, fifteen days before said fifth day of October, and that notice is given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations

...that the county commissioners deem a view of the premises
...and power and that a view of the same will be taken by them
...the time and place specified.

Ricke Bluff, Clerk.

And the petition was continued to the meeting of the County Com-
missioners on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our
the nation hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said
County in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as
follows.

Humboldt sp. Aug 25. 1843. I served the Town Clerk of Mon-
son with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice
thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in
two public places in said town an abstract containing the
substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

* Newing Report,
second page.

At which meeting, when the petition of Peary Tinsdell and
others heretofore presented, and after due proceedings had therein,
it hath been adjudged by the County Commissioners that the
common convenience and necessity require that certain alter-
ations should be made in the road leading from Monson
Meeting House to Stafford line, by Col. John Howard, it is now
therefore ordered that notice be given to all persons and
corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will
meet at the dwelling house of Amos Norcross in Monson, on
Tuesday the twenty eighth day of May next, at 9 o'clock in
the forenoon for the purpose of establishing said alterations,
by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order
thereon in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper
printed in said county three weeks successively, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 28th
day of May. And it is further ordered, by the County Com-
missioners that the Sheriff of said county at his duty, serve
the clerk of the town of Monson with a copy of said pe-
tition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up an
abstract containing the substance of said petition in two
public places in said town of Monson, fourteen days at
least before the said 28th day of May, at which time
the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said
alterations and will hear all persons and corporations
interested therein, who may then and there desire to be
heard, and also such claimages as in their opinion
may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of
said road.

Ricke Bluff, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the
foregoing order made his return as follows.

Humboldt sp. April 27. 1844. I served the Town Clerk of
Monson with an attested copy of the petition and or-
der as within directed, by giving the same to him, and
also posted up in two public places in said town, an ab-
stract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, and by adjournment on the nineteenth day of August then next.

On the petition of Parley Truesdell and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from Monson meeting house to Stafford line by bel. John Nims, is circuitous, and out of repair, they therefore pray that a view may be had of said route, commencing near John Newton's line, and running southerly till it intersects the road near Joseph Burnstead's. Also, one other route commencing a little south of Jeremiah Burnstead's running southerly, till it intersects the old Turnpike, near the Cage School House, so called, and make such alterations as may be thought proper, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises expedient and proper, appointed Thursday the fifth day of October then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Norcross in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Monson, being the town within which such alterations of said High ways are prayed for, thirty days ~~ago~~ at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a little copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a Newspaper printed in said County, said printing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and the further consideration of said petition having been deferred till the regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and by adjournment till the twenty seventh day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and forty four, when said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and

any other reason that certain alterations should be made in
the first named road, especially at the hill near Whiter
mill, as the road leads to Reynolds and Lyons factory,
and the Commissioners make and submit their report
accordingly.

Patrick Boice

Cyrus Tracy

James Hyde

} County Commissioners.

which Report being read and considered was accepted, and
the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.
[Order to locate see page 17D.]

And now at this meeting the Commissioners make
their Report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on
the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty three, and by adjournment on the nineteenth
day of August, then next, on the petition of Seely Thomsen and
others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and
setting forth, that the road leading from Thomson meeting house
to Stoughton line, by lot John Stairs, is circuitous and out of
repair, they therefore pray, that a view may be had of said
route, commencing near John Newton's store, and running southerly
till it intersects the road near John Barnatons. Also one other
route commencing a little south of Jeremiah Barnatons, run-
ning southerly till it intersects the old turnpike near the Sage
School House, so called, and make such alterations as may be
thought proper, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises appro-
priate, appointed Thursday the fifth day of October, then next, and
ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Thomsen in
said Hampden as the time and place for viewing the premises,
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
clerk of the town of Thomson being the town within which
such alteration of said Highways are prayed for, thirty days at
least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused
abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to
be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave
notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said
petition to be published three weeks successively in the
Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said
county, said posting and the last publication of said
copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
appointed for said view, and before said view was had,
said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all per-
sons interested, of the time and place for commencing
said view. And on the said fifth day of October, the
Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to name the members, and having viewed the same the public consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield, afterwards on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties considered and adjourned upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners also adjourned that meeting adjourned that certain alterations should be made in the first mentioned road and especially as to the new White's Mill, and the Commissioners, after adjournment on a day of May then next, and nine o'clock at the present time the house of town thereof is now adjourned, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said highway, and the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for the meeting, and having the persons interested in claiming for damages to the same summoned as the notice and publication laws given and made, and as to be laid in such case made and provided, after proceeding to view and publish an abstract of said petition enclosed by a copy thereof in the said twenty eighth day of May and did proceed to lay out and establish a Common Highway to said petition as follows, viz.

Commencing at a Stone, at the corner of the road where said road intersects the Turnpike, north of the Stebbins' Barn; so called, thence S. $72\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 10 rods, by land owned by Joseph S. Reynolds; thence S. $77\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods, by said Reynolds' land, to the west bank of the brook where said Reynolds waters his land, said road is thus far laid two rods wide; thence S. $77\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence S. $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 12 rods; thence S. $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 9 rods; thence S. 10° West $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence S. 41° W. 8 r.; thence S. 62° W. 5 rods; thence N. 84° W. 8 rods; thence N. 79° W. 14 rods, to Chicopee Brook.

The bearing and distance describe the north and west line of said road, laid three rods wide except the two first courses. And after making said location, and any person appearing to claim damage there was not any attached, Justin Tilton, one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of the town of Sturges, in which said road is situated and, not acting with the board in the proceeding. After notifying a special Commissioner of the County being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board as in such cases is provided. In the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order that the travel path be made twenty feet wide, that the Mill near White's Mill be removed, so as that not more six degrees, and that the surface of road be made of earth which shall make a good and hard travelled path. There shall also be a Culvert built of sufficient capacity to conduct the water across the road, to be situated about 15 rods distant of White's mill. Said piece of Road to be made and

submitted on or before the first day of July A. D. 1844 to the next
session of the Commissioners.

which is submitted and accepted.

Wm. Phelps, }
Samuel Root, } County Commissioners.
Abel Watkins Special Commissioners.

which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the
alterations established as and for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden I. G. Potter et al
We the Subscribers respectfully represent that the road leading from the house of Batholomew and Ira G. Potter, alterations in
road in Monson,
in Monson to the Great Road, so called, in Wilbraham, is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places, hilly,
and others crooked and in bad condition; We therefore
pray, that your Board would forthwith view and make
such alterations and establish said road, and order such
repairs as the public convenience may require.

Signed Ira G. Potter and others.

Monson June 24 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of
October in the year of our Lord 1843, and now upon the
petition aforesaid the County Commissioners deeming a
view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice
that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwell-
ing house of John Morel in Palmer on Thursday the sixteenth
day of November next at 4 o'clock A. M. and it is ordered by
the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be
delivered to the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy upon the
books of the Towns of Monson and Wilbraham, in said coun-
ty thirty days at least before the said sixteenth day of Nov-
ember and that all other persons and corporations interested
therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order therein, in the Hampden Post, a public newspa-
per printed in said County three weeks successively the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said
view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that co-
pies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof and this order, be posted up in said Sheriff or Deputy
in two public places in the Towns of Monson and Wilbraham
fourteen days before said sixteenth day of November, and that
notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and cor-
porations interested that the County Commissioners deem a
view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view
of the same will be taken by them at the time and place
aforesaid.

Richd. Bly's Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commis-
sioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1843. and
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order.

made his report as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct 10th 1843. I served the town clerk of Wilbraham, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice by leaving the same at his dwelling house. On the 11th day of said October I served the town clerk of Monson, with an attested copy of the petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the county commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Ira G. Potter and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the house of Bartholomew and Ira G. Potter in Monson, to the Great Road, so called, in Wilbraham, is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places hilly and others crooked and in bad condition, and praying that a view may be made of said road, alterations established, and such repairs ordered as public convenience may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Bond, in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham, being the towns in which such alterations of said highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in each said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on said sixteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid on the first Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said

petition and after consideration the same said commissioners did
report that common convenience and necessity require that the highway
be widened and accordingly submit their Report as
following.

Patrick Driscoll
Lyons Bros
Thos. Hyle
County Commissioners.

That what being read and considered was accepted, and
the petition adjudged of common convenience and necessity.
And the petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners, but on the second Tuesday of April, in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,

At which meeting it was ordered by said commissioners
that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested
therein that said commissioners will meet at the dwelling
house of James A. Hays in Alton on Thursday the thirtieth
day of May next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the
purpose of locating said road and establishing said altera-
tions and repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition
and this order thereon, in the Morning Post, a Public Newspaper
published in said County, three weeks successively, the last publi-
cation to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth
day of May. And it is further ordered by the County Com-
missioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy,
serve the Clerk of the Towns of Alton and Hibernia each
with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at
least, and post up abstracts containing the substance of
said petition in three public places in said Towns of Alton
and Hibernia, fourteen days at least before the said thir-
tieth day of May at which time the said commissioners
will proceed to establish said road and alterations and
repairs and will hear all persons and corporations inter-
ested therein who may then and there desire to be heard
and specify such damages as in their opinion may be sustained
and suffered by reason of the location and alteration of
said road.

Richd Bluffs Clerk

And this petition was continued to this Meeting, and the
Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing or-
der, made his return as follows.

Alton p. April 27. 1844. I served the town Clerk
of Alton with a copy of the petition and order of no-
tice as within directed, by giving the same to him and
also posted up in two public places in said town an ab-
stract containing the substance of said petition. On the
same day I also served the town Clerk of Hibernia
with an abstract copy of said petition and order thereon by leaving
the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two
public places in said town an abstract containing the sub-
stance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff.

And now, the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.
On the Petition of Ira S. Patten and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from the house of Bartholomew and Ira S. Patten in Monson to the Great Road, so called in Wilbraham is not all of it a laid road, and is in some places hilly and otherwise broken and in bad condition and praying that a view may be made of said road, and such alterations and repairs ordered as public convenience may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises aforesaid, appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Merrill in Palmyra, as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Monson and Wilbraham, being towns within which such alterations of said Highway are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield, aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge said petition and after considering the same the Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and accordingly ordered then and there, Dec. 1843 and after adjourning as aforesaid the Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirtieth day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Sargent in said Monson as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to laying out and establishing said Highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing

the parties interested in claims for damage, in the like manner
as the rules and publication was given and made, and as is by
law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to write,
publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy,
on the said thirtieth day of May, and did proceedable
day, and did establish a common highway on said petition,
as follows:

Commencing at a maple tree, about one rod south of
Totten and Ring's corner, west of the junction of the Isham
Road, so called; thence $N. 15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ 16 rods on Mr. Ring's land
to a stake and stones; thence $N. 7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ $9\frac{1}{4}$ rods to a stake
and stones by said Ring's land; thence $N. 32\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} W.$ 16 rods
to a stake and stones by said Ring's land; thence $N. 27\frac{3}{4}$
 $W.$ 9 r. to a white Oak stake, to land owned by Mr.
Adams; thence $N. 8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ 24 rods to a stake and stones
west of the barn yard, to land owned by Elisha Burr;
thence $N. 1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$ 31 rods to the Monument between Monson
and Wilbraham; thence $N. 3\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W.$ 11 rods to a point where
the division wall strikes the road; thence $N. 1^{\circ} W.$ 33 r. to
a stake and stones near the Monson and Wilbraham line; thence $N.$
 $15^{\circ} W.$ 17 rods; thence $N. 12^{\circ} W.$ $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a large rock in the wall. This
first section is laid two rods wide. Thence $N. 2^{\circ} E.$ $4\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake
and stones; thence $49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E.$ 9 r. to a stake and stones near the Mon-
son and Wilbraham line; thence $N. 17^{\circ} E.$ $18\frac{1}{2}$ r. to the north side
of the Rail Road; this 2^d section is laid three rods wide; thence
 $N. 2^{\circ} E.$ 3 rods; thence $N. 42^{\circ} W.$ 4 r.; thence $N. 60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W.$ 8 rods, near
Monson and Wilbraham line; thence $N. 45^{\circ} W.$ $4\frac{1}{2}$ r.; thence $N.$
 $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} W.$ $9\frac{1}{4}$ rods to the Turnpike, so called; this last section is
laid two rods wide; said bearings and distances describe the
west line of said road.

And after making said location, not any person appearing
to claim damage, there was not any allowed. Austin Fuller
Esq. one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an
inhabitant of the town of Monson, in which a portion of said
road was situated, and not acting with the board in the pro-
ceedings, Abel Perkins, Esq. Special Commissioner of the
County, being notified attended and acted as one of the
board as in such cases is provided.

In the construction and making of said road the Com-
missioners order that the travel path be made degree
just under exclusive of ditches; that the hill a few rods
south of the Western Rail Road, be graded so it shall
not exceed six degrees; the hollow between the above
named Rail Road and hill, to raised three feet; the
ditch side to raise three feet.

The whole of said Road to be made and
completed on or before the first of July, A. D. 1864,
to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

all which is submitted and accepted.

Richd. Ralph

Samuel Foot } County Commissioners

Abel Calkins } Special Commissioner

which road being read and considered is accepted and the way established as and for a public highway.

S. Sikes & Co.
Petition for

relief from

the burden of

the road from

the town of

Belchertown

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned inhabitants of the town of Belchertown
do hereby represent that there is no record of a road from the
Belchertown meeting house, through what is called the Burr Street, to
Belchertown line, and that the now travelled road in many
places is very narrow and crooked and that the public ne-
cessity requires that a highway should be laid out near where
the road is now travelled, would request your Honor to view
said road, and make such alterations in it as travellers need
as you shall think the public good requires.

Dated December 25, 1843.

(Signed)

Sheodore Sikes & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1843, and
by adjournment on the eighteenth day of January in the year of
our Lord 1844, and now upon the petition aforesaid, the County
Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and
proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of a
view, at the dwelling house of Lemuel Bonasha in Belchertown
on Friday the 22^d day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A.M. and
it is ordered by the Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be saved by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the
clerk of the town of Belchertown in said County thirty days at least
before the said 22^d day of March, and that all other persons
and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing
a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hamp-
den Watchman, a public newspaper printed in said County
three weeks successively, the last publication to be published not
at least before the time of said view. And it is further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or
abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be
posted up by the Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the
town of Belchertown, fourteen days before said 22^d day of March
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all per-
sons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners
deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and
that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time
and place aforesaid.

Richd. Ralph Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, and the
Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order

made his return as follows.

January 3rd 1844. I served the town clerk of said town with an abstract copy of this petition and the order of notice thereon by causing the same to be dwelling house and also posted in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At said meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Windsor. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Theodore Sikes and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that there is no record of a road from Dudley meeting road through what is called the Butler Street, to Belchertown line, and that the now travelled road in many places is very narrow and crooked, and that the public necessity requires that a Highway be laid out near where the road is now travelled and they request the Commissioners to view said route and make such alterations in said travelled road as the public require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the twenty second day of March, then next, and term O'clock in the forenoon at the house of Emma Satter, in the town of Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town wherein which town location of said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a like copy to be published three week's successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view, and on the said twenty second day of March the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, and after the reading of said commissions proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said highway be located and established, and that the prayer of said petition be granted. Charles Kyle, one of the County Commissioners being necessarily detained from attending said meeting by reason of sickness and death in his family, Abel Rockwell a Special Commissioner, was summoned to attend and was present, and acted as one of the Commissioners in the above proceedings and the Board thus constituted make and submit their report.

Subick & Co.

Cyrus Hovey

Abel Rockwell

County Commissioners

Special Commissioner

which report, being read and considered, was accepted and the Board adjudge of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered by the Commissioners that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Widow Samska Tuller in Andover, on Tuesday the eighteenth day of June, next at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Gazette a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be published about at least before the said 18th day of June. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, the clerk of the town of Andover with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Andover fourteen days at least before the said 18th day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard and also such damages as for their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Bligh, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampton p. May 18. 1854. I served the town clerk of Andover with an attested copy of the said petition and the order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commissioners of Hampshire.

Hampton p. At a meeting of the County Commissioners,

of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on
the eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty four by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday
of December A.D. 1843.

On the petition of Theodore Liles and others then pre-
sented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that
there is not any record of a road from Ludlow to the town of
Ludlow which called the Burr Street to Belchertown line, and
that the travelled road in many places is very narrow, and
unsafe and that the public necessarily requires that a Highway
be laid out near where the road is now travelled,
and the request the Commissioners to view said route
and make such alterations in said travelled road as the
public requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
expedient appointed Friday the twenty second day of March
then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of
Amos Fuller in the town of Ludlow as the time and place
for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition
to be posted upon the clock of the town of Ludlow, being the
town within which such location of said highway is sought
for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said
view, and also caused notices of said petition contain-
ing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places
in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested,
by causing a copy of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the Hampden Washingtonian, a news-
paper published in said County, said posting and the last
publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least
before the time appointed for said view, and before said view
was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner
as aforesaid to the foregoing notice of the petition to all
persons interested in the town and place for commencing said
road. And on the said twenty second day of March the
Commissioners met at the time and place appointed to
view the premises, and having viewed the same the
further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regu-
lar meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield
adjourned on the second Tuesday of April then next, at
which meeting the petition was heard and after the hearing
said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate
upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the
same said Commissioners did adjudge that a highway
be located and established and that the prayer of said
petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid
the Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eighteenth
day of June then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon
in the house of Amos Fuller in said Ludlow as the time
and place when and where they would meet and proceed

to lay out and establish said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested in claims for damages in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such cases made and provided before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof on the right hand side of said road and proceeded to lay out and establish a common highway on said petition, as follows, to wit.

Commencing at a small maple standale marked, on the south side of the road, and thence West, $24\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ South 19 rods 10 links to a stake; thence 25° S. 19 rods 15 links to a stake and stones, opposite to T. Sikes' Egg house; thence west $15\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. $23\frac{1}{2}$ R. to a stake and stones, 3 rods south of white Oak tree standing in the corner of Bates' Barnyard; thence west $12\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. 33 rods to a black Oak tree; thence west $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. 18 rods to an Oak tree; thence west $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. 16 rods to a stake and stones on the west bank of Moody's Saw mill brook. The above survey is the south or left hand limits of the road, and is laid 3 rods wide.

And after making said location the Commissioners agree that the same be made as before, and as is in accordance with the desire of the board and make their specifications as follows:

To Abner Cook, thirty three rods 333

To J. Hale and Bradford Bates ten rods 100

Abner Cook is allowed until July 1st to take his horse from the road.

In the construction and making of said road the Commissioners order that the Sawmill path be made eight feet wide & across the ditch; to be made and completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the Inhabitants of Middlebury previous to the first day of June 1846.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Wm. Phelps

Justin Butler County Commissioner

Samuel Root

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as and for a common highway.

Accounts.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Caleb Rice, serving Orders of Notice on petitions, &c. and taking care of said the year ending 1 st Tuesday June 1846	24.10
Richard Bliss, Clerk, Entries petitions for Road, Orders of Notice on petitions, Sentences petitions	30.50
Spencer Winans, paper for blanks for Road, &c.	

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Oct. 1844

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and helden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampshire the first session of October, being the first day and four day to say the third day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Present

Willis Phelps Esq. Chairman
Samuel East Esq. County Commissioner
Austin Butler Esq.

W. Shepard Esq.

Petition for

repealment of that

act of the

Legislature

relating to

the

construction

of the

road

through

the

place

by

the

Hampshire

Rail Road

Corporation

in

the

County

of

Hampshire

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Hampshire

Rail Road

Corporation

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the

County

At the New County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire.
The subscribers of the town of Chester County say
that by the construction of the said Road through the place by
the Western Rail Road Corporation we have sustained injury
to our property, some of which is still exposed to view for which
we have not been compensated, nor our property secured. Particularly
that the said Road, in crossing the river a little east of the site
at "Chester Meadows," has so diminished the channel that in
that time it has overflowed the banks in land belonging to John
Hill, and passed off in a course which annoyed the
property of several of the subscribers and thus we are exposed to
have a new channel cut through our lands and to have some
of our buildings swept away. Likewise a heavy flood may happen.
Also that a little West of the site where the said Road Corporation
have caused a Mill to be constructed filling so much of the
channel as to throw the stream on high water, upon lands belonging
to William Shepard and to Samuel Shepard Jr. which is a great
inconvenience to the subscribers. Likewise by the construction of the
Road across the said Meadows it has so impeded
the stream as to cause it to wash away some of the banks and
to destroy some by standing water. Also by causing an embankment
to be constructed on land belonging to William Shepard
impeding his land, and otherwise to his inconvenience. Therefore
we pray your Honors to repeal, and by law directed to have
the several places designated, as soon as practicable, as to
have evidence as to the same, and to approve damages
and direct the said Corporation to conduct and maintain the
embankments on the stream and to remove the property of your
petitioners thus exposed. And we truly believe that the same
Chester Meadows. Oct. 1844.

Signed

William Shepard & others

The foregoing Petition was taken at a session of the
County Commissioners, begun on the first Tuesday of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty four, and returned from meeting to meeting to the
meeting. And was then considered and ordered by the Court
to be taken that the petition be answered.

Inhabitants of
Birmingham

Religion for a
Sinner to die a
Naked in the
Town of Brim.

Mr. M. Ward

Solomon, Homer 16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
S. S. Hamilton, Jr. - To Joseph Cummings, Joseph L. Reynolds,
and Joseph Brown, all freeholders within said County, and
their heirs and assigns, Docketing.

Beginning at the County road, near the Western Rail Road, at a bridge near Symon Shaw's land, then on said Shaw's land S $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E thirty one rods 18 links to a stake, E 42° S 13 R. 2 L. S $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 8 R 11 L to a rock. S 44° E 5 R 3 L to a hemlock staddle. E 31° S 6 R to a hemlock-

E. 29° S 4 R. 17 L. to an Oak tree. E 15° S 8 R. 17 L. to a maple tree. E 9° S 3 R. 7 L. - E 31° S. 5 R. 11 L. - E 36° S. 6 R. 17 L. - E. 25° S. 3 R. 15 L. - East to a birch tree on the bank of Penny Brook. 6 R. - E 11° S. across the brook 6 R. 23 L. E 33½° S. 8 R. 16 L. across the said brook again to a rock - E 16° S. 7 R. 13 L. - E 30° S. 20 R. 23 L. - E 21° S. 8 R. 10 R. 20 L. - S 18° E 7 R. 22 L. - S 40° E 6 R. 15 L. - E 33° S 11 R. 7 L. - E 44° S 11 R. 14 L. - S 39° E 7 R. 15 L. - S 31° E 8 R. - S 13° E 10 R. 15 L. S 18½° E 4 R. 20 L. - S 27° E 7 R. 16 L. - S 41° E. 13 R. 16 L. to the road leading to Dady Blodgett's house. And said petition was returned to the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June 1843, eighteen hundred and forty three. At which said meeting the said petition was appeared and agreed with the County Commissioners when Joseph Cummings, Joseph S. Reynolds and Joseph Brown as a Committee to act upon said petition. It is therefore ordered by the County Commissioners that you Joseph Cummings, Joseph S. Reynolds and Joseph Brown as a Committee to view the premises. And you are to be under oath faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties assigned you. You are to give notice to the said Inhabitants of Springfield, and Patrick Boise, Esq. who is appointed by the County Commissioners, agent for the County of Hampden, to appear before said Committee on behalf of said County, of the time and place of your meeting, to view the premises and attend said service. And you are to make a return of your doings hereunder your hands to the Court of Common Pleas, which shall be holden for said County, next after you shall have completed said service.

By order of the County Commissioners

Rich^d Bliss Clerk.

Hampden Co. August 22 1843. Personally appeared Joseph Cummings, Joseph S. Reynolds, and Joseph Brown and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties assigned them by the above warrant.

Before me Patrick Boise Justices.

And at the Court of Common Pleas holden for said County on the Second Monday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the said Committee made their Report in writing, as follows viz

Hampden Co. Aug 22. 1843.

At the Hon Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Springfield in and for said County, on the second Monday of October next.

The Subscribers, appointed a Committee by the foregoing Warrant, having given notice as therein required and having met the parties at the house of Henry A. Dwyer in Salem agreeable to notice and having heard them, and the objection having been taken by the agent of the County that the road mentioned and described in said Warrant was a town way established in the town of Springfield, the said town of Springfield had no right, by law to appear as petitioners for the discontinuance of said road, or for any alteration of the

of the County Commissioners relating to the same. And after
the same had been considered and adjourned, the Committee were of opinion that
the same were not authorized by law to appear as
parties in the proceedings and that the Committee had no further
business in the premises, and submit their Report accordingly.

Joseph Cummings

Joseph S. Lippold

Joseph Brown

Which Report having been considered and adjourned, by the Court
was accepted and the same was ordered to be certified to the County
Commissioners for said County for the further action and proceedings
thereon according to law. And this Report was returned to the
County Commissioners at their meeting holden on the
fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1843. and was continued from
meeting to meeting to that meeting. And now it appearing that
in some proceedings of the County Commissioners of the
County of the said by which the petitioners were aggrieved
and were reversed by the Supreme Judicial Court, on a writ
of certiorari, it is considered and ordered that this petition
be granted.

The County Commissioners for the County of Hampden,
The subscribers, inhabitants of Springfield, represent, That
the present route for the travel and transportation of mer-
chandise between Chicopee Falls and the Depot of the Wes-
tern Port Road Corporation is very circuitous and costly,
and that a new road leading from Chicopee Falls through
Horton Village, to near the Depot can be laid out with
surprisingly little expense, which, in every respect, will
be superior to the present one, and which in the matter
of distance alone will save more than a mile, and that
such a route would greatly accommodate not only the
inhabitants of the County of Springfield and of Chicopee
Falls but those of Granby, Ludlow, Belchertown, Amherst,
and generally all those whose business leads them from
that portion of the State into this vicinity. They therefore
request that you take those measures required by law
to plan, locate and establish a Road between the above
points. June 28th 1843.

Witness our hand and seal of Office, this 28th day of June, 1843.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June
A. D. 1843. And now upon the petition aforesaid the County
Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,
and further gave notice that they will meet for the purpose
of said view, at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday
the fifteenth day of August, next, at nine o'clock A. M.
and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of
said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his
deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, in said

D. M. Bryant & Co.
Petition for a
Road fr. Chic.
Falls to R. R.
Depot in Springfield.

County thirty days at least, before the said fifteenth day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Gazette or public Newspaper, printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be published at least before the time of said review. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said fifteenth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a review of the premises expedient and proper, and that a review of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss Clerk.

And this Petition was returned to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October A.D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 14. 1843. I served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the within petition and order of review thereon by giving the same to him; and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting. To Rich^d Bliss, Sheriff. At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield on said first Tuesday of October A.D. 1843 in the Room of our Inspectors hundred and forty three.

On the petition of David W. Rogers and others then present to said Commissioners, representing and telling forth that the present route for the travel and transportation of merchandise between Chicopee Falls and the depot of the Western Rail Road Corporation is very circuitous and tedious and that a new road leading from Chicopee Falls through Rogers Single to near the depot can be torn out with comparatively little expense which in every respect will be superior to the present one and which in the matter of distance alone will save more than is made out that such a route would greatly accommodate all the inhabitants of the center of Springfield and of Chicopee Falls and those of Granby South Berchambs. And that a great many persons whose business has been from that quarter of the state into this vicinity. They therefore request that you take the measures required by law to survey, locate and establish a road between the above points. Dated June 8. 1843. as by said

...in the rate of...

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises, evidently
...the fifteenth day of August, then next, and
...at the Court House in Springfield
...for serving the premises and cause
...to be served upon the Clerk of the
...the town within which such work
...at least before the time appointed
...also caused copies of said petition
...in two public places in said town, and also
...by causing a like
...three weeks successively in the Springfield
...a Newspaper published in said County,
...and the last publication of said copy being
...at least before the time appointed for
...and before said work was had done
...in like manner as described in the
...of the petition to all persons interested,
...and place for commencing said work.

On the said fifteenth day of August, the Com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed and
proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the
same the further consideration thereof was deferred till
the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held
at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October
then next, and by adjournment, till the first Tuesday
of November then next, at which meeting the parties
were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners pro-
ceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said
petition, and after considering the same said Com-
missioners did adjudge that common convenience and
necessity require that the prayer of said petition be
granted, and they accordingly submit their report.

John H. Bowers

Cyrus Knapp } County Comm.

Herbert Hyle }

which report being read and considered was accepted, and
...of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of
the Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April
A. D. 1881. At which meeting it was ordered that notice be
given to all persons and corporations interested therein that
said Commissioners will meet at the Court House in Spring-
field, on Friday the twenty eighth day of June next, at
...for the purpose of locating said
...by publishing an abstract of said petition and
...in the Springfield Post, a public News-
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before

the said 25th day of June, did show further evidence by the County Commission that the survey of said lands is not fairly done, the limit of the town of Springfield with a view to better define and thus better show the same at least and best of abstracts containing the substance thereof in two further sheets in said town of Springfield, from time to time before the said 25th day of June, at which time the said Commission is not bound to be interested therein, and may then and there cause to be heard and made such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said lands.

And that this petition was returned to the meeting of the Commission, and the County of said lands is the same of the foregoing order, made by the said Commission.

Hampden May 20 1845. I received the same that Springfield with the attached copy of the petition, and the order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also caused to be two public places in said town, and then it was before the meeting, an abstract containing the same petition.

C. Allen Smith.

And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the petition of David St. Laurent & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the present route for the road and transportation of merchandise between Chicopee Falls and the Depot of the Western Railroad Company is very inconvenient and long, and that a new road, leading from Chicopee Falls through Stephen Lingle to near the Depot in Springfield can be laid out with comparatively little expense which in every respect will be superior to the present road and which, in the matter of distance, will save more than a mile, and that such a route would greatly accommodate the inhabitants of Springfield, Chicopee Falls, and other towns situated thereabout, they therefore request that you take the necessary measures by law to view, locate and establish a road between the above points as by and to be hereon in file will appear.

The Commissioners discuss a case of the previous report, appeared thereon the fifteenth day of August then next year and which is the foreman at the Court House in Springfield on the same day and place for viewing the grounds and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Court of Springfield being

the petition which said road is prayed for, thirty days at least before
the same appeared for said view, and also caused abstracts of said
petition containing the substance thereof to be posted on the public
notice in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested
in making a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
continuously in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published
in said town, said notices and the last publication of said
petition have been printed and at least before the time of
said second view, and before said view was had, said
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described
in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons inter-
ested in said time and place for commencing said view,
and on the said fifteenth day of August, the Commis-
sioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the
proper consideration thereof was deferred till the next
meeting, which of the Commissioners held at Springfield
on the second Tuesday of April then next, at
which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hear-
ing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adju-
dicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after consid-
ering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that
the prayer of the petition be granted and after ad-
judicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed
Monday the 28 day of June then next, and 9 o'clock
in the forenoon at the Court House in said Springfield,
as the time and place when and where they would meet
and proceed to lay out and establish said highway as
prayed for in said petition, and the said Commissioners
having given notice of the adjudication and the time
and place appointed, the meeting and hearing the per-
sons interested on claims for damage in the same man-
ner as the notice and publication was given and made,
and as is by law in such case made and provided, be-
fore proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of
said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said
twenty eighth day of June met and proceeded to
lay out and establish a Common Highway on said
petition as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stake standing on the Easterly
side of Main Street, and N. 60° W. 9 1/2 feet from the
surface of a large Ash tree marked, said Ash being
nearly in front of the American House, so called, and
said stake stands 146 feet (measuring by the easterly
line of Main Street) from the westerly line of the lands
of the Western Rail Road Corporation, and thence from
said stake N. 49 1/4° E. 81 rods to a stake standing on land
of E. W. Chapin; thence N. 1° 50' E. 14 rods and 2 1/2 links
to said Chapin, and crossing Chestnut Street,

to a stake standing $N 41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} W$ 6 rods and 11 links from the North-
 easterly corner of Mr. Potter's dwelling house, by a fence post
 on the easterly side of said (Chesnut Street, and on the South-
 erly side of a new road laid out by said Chapin; thence
 by the southerly side of said new road from said stake
 $N. 51^{\circ} E. 117$ rods, to a stake standing by a fence post, on the
 southerly side of said new road on the brow of the hill;
 thence from said stake $N 60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 22$ rods and 17 links, cross-
 ing a small brook, to a stake standing $N 16^{\circ} W. 6$ rods
 and 10 links from the Northeastly corner of the dwelling
 house of Silas N Haywood; thence on land of said Haywood,
 $N. 36^{\circ} E. 44$ rods, 4 links, to a stake near the foot of the
 hill; thence $N. 18^{\circ} E. 27$ rods and 22 links, crossing lands
 of said Haywood and Calvin Shattuck, to a stake standing
 by land of J. B. Vinton; thence $N. 20^{\circ} E. 38$ rods and 20
 links, crossing lands of said Vinton. Doland & H. H. Buck-
 land, to a stake standing on the Westly side of the Toddy
 Road, so called; thence $N. 6^{\circ} 8' E. 170$ rods, 6 links, crossing
 Toddy road and lands of W. Bradley, Francis Burt, Festus
 Stebbins, Chauncey Chapin, heirs of Capt Emery, and the
 old Morgan road, and land of Cyrus Newell, to a stake
 standing in the edge of said Newell's wood lot; thence $N.$
 $3^{\circ} 50' E. 11$ rods and 19 links, to a stake, standing at the
 edge of the woods; thence $N. 6^{\circ} 8' E. 154$ rods and 8 links, to
 a stake standing on the southerly side of the old road leading
 by the old Stedman place, so called; thence $N. 18^{\circ} E. 8$ rods &
 17 links, to a stake on the southerly side of said Stedman
 road, near the land of Quartus Searle; thence $N. 38^{\circ} E. 11$ rods
 to a stake; thence $N. 37^{\circ} E. 8$ rods & 20 links to a stake; thence
 $N. 27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 54$ rods and 8 links, crossing Hogpen Dingle Brook,
 so called, to a large Oak tree marked, standing on the hill near
 the old Stedman House, so called, on the easterly side of
 said old Stedman road; thence $N. 25^{\circ} E. 19$ rods & 7 links to a
 stake standing on the top of the hill, on the Easterly side of
 the old road; thence $N. 31^{\circ} E. 47$ rods & 8 links, to a Yellow Oak
 tree marked, standing on the westerly side of the old travelled
 road; thence $N. 21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ} E. 23$ rods and 21 links to a stake near
 the southerly line of said Abbey's pasture; thence $N 16\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E. 91$
 rods and 15 links, crossing said Abbey's pasture, and meadow
 to a stake standing by the fence, $S 63\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} E. 55\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the
 center of a large White Ash tree, said Ash standing nearly
 in front of the thence from said stake
 crossing the road leading from Springfield Hill, to Chicopee
 Falls, $N. 8\frac{3}{4}^{\circ} E. 9$ rods and 8 links to a stake standing on the
 easterly side of said last mentioned road, by land of
 Harmon Rowley. The line run is the right hand limits of
 the road laid, and the same is laid three rods wider.

And after making said location, the Commissioners
 agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons in
 the matter of damage who desired to be heard and made

Amount of damages as follows viz	\$15.00
2. William Dudley, fifteen dollars	15.00
Samuel Root, twelve dollars	12.00
James Stebbins, eight dollars	8.00
Abner Cooper, twelve dollars	12.00
John Abbott, nine dollars	9.00
John Aswell, fifteen dollars	15.00
Twenty dollars	20.00
Twenty dollars	20.00
John Lathrop, five hundred & fifty dollars	550.00

Master Phelps one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of Springfield, being the Town where said road is situated, did not act with the board in the proceedings of viewing and laying of said road, and Abel Lathrop a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such cases is provided.

In the construction and making of said road, the Commissioners order that the travel path be made twenty feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that the road be constructed in a good through workmanlike manner; that a sufficient number of bridges and culverts be made (32 feet long) for the free passage of the water, and to be completed on or before the first day of July, A.D. 1845. All to be done to the satisfaction of the Commissioners. The Hills shall be so graded, that they shall not exceed six degrees rise.

The owners of lands are allowed until the first day of March A.D. 1845, for removing wood and timber from the road, all of which is submitted.

Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }
Abel Lathrop Special Commissioner

This Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way established as a Common High way.

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of William Synchew of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Springfield, in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is located as follows, viz Bounded northwily on land of Josiah Hooker, and Lands of Walter Stebbins, on the south side of Garden Brook, and running southerly by said brook, near where the field road crosses said brook, running southerly from said brook parallel with the center line of said road, two & a half rods west of the center line of said Rail Road.

A. D. H. C. Co.
Pet. for appt
of damages on
land of W. Synchew
in Springfield

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to land of Susan Pynchon, and said field road about ^{Sixty} thirty feet;
then running east by my own land
eighty five feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road; then northerly
by my own land, eighty eight feet near the bow of the hill, and the centre
line of said Rail Road, to land of said Josiah Hooker, the place
of beginning, containing one acre three fourths and seven rods of
land. Also, one other piece of land, situate in Springfield, aforesaid
upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail Road, bounded
as follows, Beginning northerly on land of Susan Pynchon (being the
same land lately Edward Pynchon's deceased) and by his Will given
to her during her life, and then to her and his heirs, at
a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail
Road, and running southerly parallel with said centre line of said
to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said
Rail Road, at right angles therewith, to land of Horatio Sargeant;
then running westerly by said land of said Sargeant, to
land of Festus Stillbino; then northerly by said Festus Stillbino's land
and his own land to the place of beginning, containing sixty eight rods
of land. Also, one other piece of land, in which said William Pynchon
and his heirs has the fee of said land, situate in Springfield, aforesaid,
upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail
Road, bounded and described as follows, Beginning northerly on
the first described piece of land, at a point two and a half rods
east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly
parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, to said Pynchon's
own land, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line
of said Rail Road; then running westerly by his own land to land
of Horatio Sargeant, about thirty three feet west, to the centre line
of said Road; then running northerly by said Sargeant's land,
to the field road; then easterly to the place of beginning, containing
one hundred and thirty seven rods of land; that your petitioners
have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement
with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners
after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the
amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said William
Pynchon thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 6th day of August, A. D. 1844

Charles Hopkins, Pet^r

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County
Commissioners on the sixth day of August, A. D. 1844, and
it was by them ordered that the Commissioners meet at the
Court House in said County on the 10th day of August instant,
at 10 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition;
and it is also ordered that seasonable notice be given to
the said Pynchon, by personal summons or by publication of said
notice containing the substance thereof, and that said Pynchon
appear at the time of said meeting, and answer to the same
as required and that said notice be duly returned to the County
of Hampden in the sum of one hundred dollars, and that
to be the said County hereby from its costs and expenses.

Miss Helen Chapman

[illegible]

(Faint handwritten notes)

Heller, Ralph, Chinese.

Received of the Treasurer of the
County of ... the sum of ...

I have left a copy of the volume
in the sitting room of William Lyndon.

From 1881 to 1884 to 1886.

Moses W. W.

The Foreign Section was interested at a meeting of the Agents Commission, besides on the for the Trade Union of June 24, 1945 and continued to their meeting. And the Commission's work, their report on working as follows:

Received of J. H. 1896

compare p. 3 of 11 1894. The County Commissioner
 of said County having given said title to the
 same, as was entered on the foregoing petition of the
 Boston and Springfield Rail Road Corporation
 in answer hereto with an abstract thereof, as appears by
 reference to said abstract on file and to the same, and
 that by and the said Sympson, by his agent, David H.
 Sympson, and proceeded to view the premises of said
 Sympson described in said petition, and to see the loca-
 tion of said Rail Road, and having viewed the said
 Sympson by the agent above named, he has ascertained
 the damages which the said William Sympson will suffer
 by the location of said Rail Road upon the said
 land at Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars, also
 the damage to the owner of William Sympson's
 life estate in the premises, as appears at the time
 of said Dollars and which is submitted and is that
 Dollars Dollars

Notes: 10/10/23

Amelia Heller County Commissioner

James G. Thompson

Which I had now accepted

William Lindsay is licensed as an Insulator at his home Lindsay,
Blount Co. near Clinton Village and Def. Co.

Lindsay.

The following accounts were presented, discussed and allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury in
 A. Harvey Chapin, Treas. August upon the
 body of Joseph H. Parsons, w. l. To 1844

Paymen - E. V. Drake	3.54
Samuel Raymond	1.37
C. S. Cook	1.37
Orel B. Jones	1.37
John H. Meyer	1.37
James H. Clark	1.37
Witness Joseph H. Clark	1.37
Lucas Edwards	.58
Constable John S. Manning	.58
To Alvan James, Coroner, August upon the body of Wright Woodward June 16, 1844	1.18
Paymen - William H. Bates	3.00
William H. Bates	1.49
John C. Butterworth	1.37
Calvin Pelly	1.37
Schuyler H. Woodward	1.61
Squire J. Ballant	1.49
Witness Joseph H. Bates	1.37
Eliza Woodward	.58
Sally H. Woodward	.58
Constable John H. Bates	.58
To Richard B. Clark, Order of Notice in Petitions issuing Tombes, but also in other Petitions &c	1.92
Amasa Parsons Attorney, Probate & Gen. Court, getting up Wood & care of Court House to Oct. 1844	23.75
Samuel Northam, Stock, Labor & Prison upon same	25.25
Oliver B. Stevens, Notice privilege for jail to Sept 1844	245.50
C. E. White printing Blackes	6.00
Raynolds & Horne Printers, D. C.	32.75
J. B. Merriam Bibles & (H. C.) 2 sets for officers	76.85
H. Phelps, Stationer (H. C.)	49.78
Joseph W. Mayo, Purchase, &c. Registrar's office	4.13
James David Tombes & Jail	19.25
James H. Crooks 1844 Court House Const. Money	14.64
Draper & Darby, Shipping, Cotton, &c. D. C.	12.69
Palmer & Clark, Shipping &c. D. C.	27.65
Calvin Chase Sheriff serving Orders of Notices, &c	26.28
	15.00
	\$602.44

Hampden Co. Oct. 3, 1844. All matters not acted on
 are ordered to be continued, and the meeting is adjourned
 without day.

Attest

Rich^d B. Clark

Dec 1842

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Remembered At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampshire on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty fourth and last day of the month of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four and he began on the fifth day of February and for a day or day of the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Respectfully Shown to the County Commissioners

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To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire

The undersigned, Citizens of Springfield, in said County of Hampshire respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield between the following termini, viz Commencement on Main Street, so called, in said Springfield, on land of Charles Rice and George Dwight and William Bryant; thence running Northwesterly over land of said Rice, Dwight and Bryant, over land of Chapman Shepard, over land of George Dwight, over land of John Howard and over land of Charles Phelps, over land of George Dwight and William Bryant, and over land of Charles Howard, to Union Street so called in said Springfield. And the undersigned do respectfully pray that after due proceedings hereon the Board of Commissioners may be laid out between the said termini, as the public convenience requires.

Springfield, April 1842

(Signed)

George Dwight & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1842. At which meeting it was ordered that said Commissioners meet at the Court House in Springfield on Monday the 13th day of June next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of proceeding to view according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity to proceed to locate the road prayed for; provided no person interested objects to the same, and after locating, to hear at said house of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages. Also ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition in some public place, three times successively, in

The *Standard Washingtonian*, a new sheet printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and the order thereon, that by copies of said order be put up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof with his receipt to the Clerk of said County, or said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting. By order of the Commissioners,
John B. B. Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Subscribed & sworn to April 29, 1842. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

E. K. Sheriff.

And now at this meeting it is considered and ordered by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

J. B. B. Clerk.
Subscribed & sworn to
in open Court.

At the honorable Court of County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, at a Court to be held by them on the fourth day of April instant, in the town of Springfield.

The undersigned petitioner respectfully shews that he has been aggrieved by the doing of the said County Commissioners in the laying out of a certain highway, called Pleasant Street, in the town of Springfield, for that said Commissioners allowed no damages when were occasioned thereby to said petitioner. Said highway was laid out in the fall of 1841, as will appear by reference to the records of said Court of County Commissioners. Your petitioner respectfully prays that a jury may be appointed, under the direction of your honorable Court, to assess the damages sustained thereby by your petitioner.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Bangs.

Springfield, April 14th 1842

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1842, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden.

West R.R. Co.
Sole for Prop^r
of Damages to
Land of Seth
Stebbins

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Seth Stebbins of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, in the State of Massachusetts, which land is situated in the Town of Springfield, in said County of Hampden, and said land should be taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded as follows, beginning northwesterly

on land of Alonzo Wait, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly parallel with the centre line thereof, to land of Daniel Hitchcock, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; then running westerly by land of said Hitchcock, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road; then running northwesterly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith to land of said Wait; then running easterly by land of said Wait to the place of beginning, containing three fourths of an acre of land. Also, one other piece of land, part of said Stebbins' home lot, bounded as follows. Beginning northwesterly on land of Eli Burt and Lois Burt, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Justin Murphy, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line at right angles therewith; then running westerly by said Murphy's land, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; then running northwesterly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land of said Burt's to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; then running easterly by land of said Burt to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty four rods of land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Seth Stebbins, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 12th day of August, 1844.
Orasius Hopkins, Pet^r.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the house of Seth Stebbins, in Springfield, on the nineteenth day of August, inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition; and it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the

said Stebbins by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said abstraction; and Erastus Hopkins as principal, and John Gail as surety, recognized to the County of Hampshire on the term of two hundred dollars, conditioned to see the said county harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1844, and continued to this meeting. And now at this meeting, it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

Wm. H. S. Co.
Sd for
to estimate
damages on
land of Wm
Chapin.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampshire.

The petitioners of the Southwestern and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent, that they have laid out and located the said Rail Road upon and across the land of William Chapin of Springfield in the County of Hampshire, which land is situated in the town of Springfield, in said County of Hampshire, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning northerly, on land of Robert, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, about six hundred and eighty eight feet to land of Norman Chapin, at a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly to Chicopee Street; thence northerly by Chicopee Street, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about three hundred eighty two feet to land of said Robert, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly, by land of said Robert, to the place of beginning, containing one acre and forty eight and a half rods land. Also, one other piece of land lying on the Island, so called, bounded and described as follows, Beginning southerly on land of Seth Whiting, at a point thirty one feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running North 4° East, about four hundred eighteen feet, by land of said Whiting, to a point fifty feet west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about four hundred fifty two feet, to land of said Whiting, to a point fifty four feet, west of said centre line of said Rail Road; thence North 77° 40' east, to the place of beginning, containing sixty three 29/10 rods land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to give the premises said estimate the amount

of damages & any sustained by the said William Chapin thereby sustained
by the law.

Witness my hand at Springfield, this 26 day of October, A.D. 1844.

Moses Bliff, Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County
Commissioners in the County Court day of October A.D. 1844, and
it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Hotel of
St. Charles in Cabotville on Friday the eighth day of November next,
at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on said petition. And
it was also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Chapin,
by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the
substantive facts, and the order thereon, previous to the term of said
meeting. And Erasmus Hopkins as principal and John Child as
surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of two
hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save the said County
harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To William Chapin, of Springfield, in the County of Hampden,

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Cor-
poration have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of
said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in
the town of Springfield, aforesaid in said County upon and over lands
owned by you at said Springfield, which lands are particularly
described in said petition on file, and further representing
that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary
agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the prem-
ises and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained
by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commission-
ers will meet for that purpose, at the Hotel of St. Charles in
Cabotville, on Friday the eighth day of November next at ten
o'clock A.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause,
and be heard upon the subject.

For order, (copy)

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

Springfield, October 26, 1844. I hereby certify that I have left
the original, at the house of the said William Chapin, of which
this is a copy.

Attest

Moses Bliff, Agent of N. & S. R.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting.
And on, at this meeting, the County Commissioners,
make their Report in writing, as follows, viz.
Hampden Co. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commission-
ers of said County, having given reasonable notice to William
Chapin, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northamp-
ton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him
with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said
abstract herunto annexed, and the said William Chapin,
and the petitioners, by Erasmus Hopkins their agent, at
the Hotel of St. Charles in Cabotville (this day) being the
time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded
to view the premises of said Chapin, described in said

petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having
 heard the said Chapin and the petitioners fully in the premises, and have
 ascertained the damages which the said Chapin will suffer by the location
 of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the town of Nine hundred
 and twenty eight dollars. The Commissioners do also order that the
 said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and maintain a good and
 lawful fence between the first described piece of land and the adjacent
 lands of said William Chapin. Said Rail Road Corporation shall
 also be construct and maintain for the use of said Chapin a good
 and substantial crossing over said first described piece of land.
 Said fence and crossing are to be completed previous to the first
 day of September next. All which is accepted.

Willis Phelps

Quentin Miller } County Commissioners.
 Samuel Root }

Which Report was considered & accepted.

Edw. H. Coe

Sol. for appt?

of damages

on land of

Quentin Chapin.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the

County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail
 Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and
 located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Quentins
 Chapin of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is
 situated in the town of Springfield, in said County of Hampden,
 and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described
 as follows, viz. bounded Northerly on land of Lewis Ferry jun. at
 a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said
 Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and running southerly
 parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road about four
 hundred and eight feet to land of Seth Whiting, at a point
 two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail
 Road at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of
 said Whiting, to a point two and a half rods west of said
 centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith;
 thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail
 Road to land of Lewis Ferry jun. to a point two and a half
 rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence
 easterly by land of said Lewis Ferry jun. to the place of
 beginning, containing one hundred and thirty one and one
 fifth rods of land; that your petitioners have not been able
 to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the
 owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commission-
 ers, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate
 the amount of damages if any sustained by the said
 Quentins Chapin thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield, this 26 day of October A. D. 1844

Mooses Blife, acting as agent of said Corporation

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman
 of the County Commissioners on the twenty sixth day of
 October A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that
 the Commissioners meet at the hotel of Mr. Chapin in

at Gettysville on Friday the eighth day of November next, at 2 o'clock
P.M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also or-
dered that reasonable notice be given to the said Chapin by serving him
with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, and
the case therein, previous to the time of said meeting. And
the said petition is presented and John Child as surety, recogno-
red in the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, con-
ditioned that they will save the said County harmless from all
costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman

To Quatuor Chapin of Springfield in the County of Hamp-
den. Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road
Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commis-
sioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their
said Road in that town of Springfield aforesaid in said County,
upon and over lands owned by you at said Springfield, which
lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and
further representing that they have not been able to obtain
said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Com-
missioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount
of damages, if any sustained by you thereby.

You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will
meet for that purpose at the Hotel of M. Chapin in Gettysville
on Friday the eighth day of November next at two o'clock
P.M. when and where you may be present, if you see cause,
and be heard upon the subject.

Respectfully,
Per Order

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

Springfield, Oct. 26. A.D. 1844.

Springfield, Oct. 26. 1844. I certify that I have left
the original order of which this is a copy at the house of the
said Quatuor Chapin.

Attest. Moses Bliss, agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting and
now the County Commissioners make their report in writing,
as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commissioners
of said County having given reasonable notice to Quatuor
Chapin, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northamp-
ton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him
with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said
abstract herewith annexed, and the said Chapin and the pe-
titioners by their agent, Croatus Hopkins, at the time and place
mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises
of said Chapin, described in said petition, as taken for the
location of said Rail Road. And having heard the said
Chapin and the petitioners, fully in the premises, we have ap-
proved the damage which the said Chapin will suffer by
the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the
sum of three hundred and thirty three Dollars. It is also or-
dered that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and

maintain a good and lawful fence between the land described in the foregoing petition and the land of said Chapman, said corporation shall make and maintain a good and convenient coping for the use of said Chapman, said coping and fence shall be made and completed previous to the first day of August next.

Willis Phelps ?

Austin Tucker } County Commissioners
Samuel Paul }

A. S. R. R. Co.

Pet. for appt. of
damages on land
of mine of Jas.
Carr, decd.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of the heirs of Joseph Carr, deceased, of Springfield in the county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield, in said County of Hampden, and that said thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning northerly on land of Seth Stebbins, at a point two and a half rods easterly of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith and running southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of Daniel Hitchcock at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence westerly by land of said Hitchcock, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence northerly, parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of said Hitchcock, at a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence easterly by said Hitchcock's land to his southeast corner bounds; thence northwesterly by his boundary line to land of Seth Stebbins, at a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said road; thence by said Stebbins land to the place of beginning passing a small piece of land sold by said Carr to said Hitchcock, at the north end of said lot containing nine and a half rods land, containing one acre and seventy and a half rods land. Also, one other piece of land situate in Springfield, aforesaid, upon which the said Corporation have located their Rail Road, bounded and described as follows: Beginning northerly on land of George Stebbins, at a point two rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly nearly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, to land of Mr. Samuel Cogswell to a point thirty five and a quarter feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said Cogswell, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith to land of George Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Stebbins

to be place of beginning containing twenty eight rods land. And one
rod more of land situated in Springfield adjacent, upon which the said
company have located their Rail Road, bounded and described as follows
beginning Northerly on land of the heirs of Moses Stebbins, deceased,
at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail
Road at right angles therewith and running southerly parallel
with the centre line of said Rail Road to land of the heirs of
Justin Sumbar, deceased, to a point two and a half rods east
of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith;
thence westerly by land of said heirs, to a point two and a half
rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence northerly
parallel with the centre line of said Rail Road to land of said
heirs of said Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods west of
the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith;
thence easterly by land of said heirs of said Stebbins to the place
of beginning containing fifty six rods of land: that your be-
lievers have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary
agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County
Commissioners after due notice, to view the premises, and
estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said
heirs of said Sumbar, deceased, thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 11th day of December A.D. 1844.

By Moses Bliss, acting as agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting
and now the County Commissioners make their report in
writing as follows:-

1. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. October 2 1844. Moses Bliss, as agent for the
petitioners named within, applied to the County Commission-
ers for said County, this day, for the apportionment of damages
on the within named lands (belonging to the estate of Joseph
Barrow, deceased) as taken for the location of the Northamp-
ton and Springfield Rail Road. J. M. Barrow, one of and
agent for said heirs, being present, and acknowledged the
notice then given, as being reasonable. And Crastus Hopkins
as principal and John Child as surety, recognized to said
County, in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that
they will save said County harmless from all costs and expen-
ses on account of said petition. The Commissioners then pro-
ceeded to appraise the damage which the said heirs would
sustain by the location of said N. & S. R. Road, and we do
appraise said damage to be three hundred and thirty seven dollars.
It is also ordered that the said Rail Road Corporation shall erect and
maintain a good and lawful fence between the lands described
in the foregoing petition, and the adjoining lands of said Barrow's estate,
said fence to be made previous to the first day of July next.

Moses Bliss

Justin Miller County Commissioners.

Samuel Reed

Whereupon being read & considered, is accepted.

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N. & S. R. R. Cor.
Pet. for relief of
damages on land
of Jesse Sikes.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, of the County

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, That they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Jesse Sikes of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded southerly on the County road, leading from Willimansett to South Hadley Canal, at the southwesterly corner bounds of land of the School district, at a stone in the ground, and running northerly by said county road, one hundred and forty five feet, to a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land of said district, and land of Lucy Griswold; ^{and Fanny Griswold} thence westerly by land of said district, and land of said Lucy and Fanny, to the place of beginning, containing twenty five rods land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Jesse Sikes thereby, according to law.

(Dated at Springfield, this 26 day of November A. D. 1844.

Moses Bluff, acting as agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty seventh day of November, A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Willimansett Hotel, in said Springfield, on Tuesday, December 3, 1844, then and there to act on said petition, and it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Sikes, by serving him with an abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Erasmus Hopkins, as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred Dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless for all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To Jesse Sikes, of Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Springfield of one said, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby

expected that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the
Williamson Hotel on Tuesday the third day of December next when
and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard
upon the subject.

Wm. Phelps, Chairman

City

Springfield Nov. 26. A. D. 1844.

Springfield Nov. 27. 1844. I certify that I have left at
the dwelling house of James Sikes, the original notice, of
which there is a true copy, being the place where his brother
the said Jesse who is in the employ of said Jesse as a
lawyer, and gave him verbal notice I had left the above no-
tice at his brother's.

Frederick Brisswold.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting.
and now the County Commissioners make their report in
writing, as follows:

Hampden Co. Dec. 3. 1844. The County Commission-
ers of said County, having given reasonable notice to
Jesse Sikes, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the
Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by ser-
ving him with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy
of said abstract, hereto annexed, and the said Sikes
and the petitioners by Messrs Bliss their agent, at the time
and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to
view the premises of said Sikes described in said peti-
tion, as taken for the location of said Rail Road and
having heard the said Sikes and the petitioners fully
in the premises, we have appraised the damage which
the said Sikes will suffer by the location of said Rail
Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Forty one ²⁵/₁₀₀
dollars. Frederick Chapin, appearing and claiming an in-
terest in the premises described in the foregoing petition,
the Commissioners do appraise the damage to said Chapin
by the location of said Rail Road, on lands described in
said petition at Three Dollars and seventy five cents.

Willis Phelps

Frederick Fidler County Commissioner

Samuel Root

Which Report is accepted.

To the Hon the Board of County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield
Rail Road Corporation, respectfully represents, that they
have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and
across the land of Lewis Perry Jun. of Springfield in the
County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town
of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part
thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows,
viz. Beginning southerly on the north side of the north
branch of Crippen River, at a point fifty feet west of the
center line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith,

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Lewis Perry J.

and running northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, three hundred thirty four feet, to land of Seth Whiting, to a point fifty feet West of said centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence east $11^{\circ} 20'$ South to the north branch line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence westerly by said River to the place of beginning, containing eighty seven rods of land. Also, one other piece land bounded and described as follows. Beginning northerly on land of Chester W. Chapin, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Quortus Chapin, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence westerly by said Quortus Chapin's land to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line, about six hundred and sixteen feet to land of said Chester W. Chapin, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence easterly by said Chester W. Chapin's land to the place of beginning, containing one acre and twenty seven and one fourth rods land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Lewis Perry jun. thereby, according to law.

Dated Springfield, this 26 day of October, A. D. 1844.

Moses Bliss, for E. Hopkins, agent of said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty sixth day of October A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered that the Commissioners meet at the Hotel of Mr. Chapin in Cabotville, on Friday the eighth day of November next, at 2 o'clock P. M. there and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said Perry, by serving him with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Eustas Hopkins as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that they will save the said county harmless from all costs and expenses, on account of said petition.

Wills Phelps, Chairman.

To Lewis Perry, jun. of Springfield, in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield aforesaid, in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at said Springfield, which lands are particularly described in said petition

in file, and further representing that they have not been able to ob-
tain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Com-
missioners to view the premises and estimate the amount of dam-
ages if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified
that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Hotel
of Dr. Chapin in Cabotville, on Friday the eighth day November
next, at two o'clock, P. M. when and where you may be present,
if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

Very truly,
The Order, (Signed) Willis Phelps, Chairman
Springfield, Oct. 26. A. D. 1844

Springfield Oct 26. 1844. I certify that I have left the original
order, of which this is a copy, at the house of Lewis Perry Jun.

Attest. Moses Bluff, Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now
the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:

Hampden Co. Nov. 8th 1844. The County Commissioners of said
County having given reasonable notice to Lewis Perry Jun. men-
tioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and
Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an
abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract
herewith annexed, and the said Lewis Perry Jun. and the
petitioners by Charles Hopkins their agent, at the Hotel
of Dr. Chapin this day, being the time and place mentioned
in said abstract and proceeded to view the premises of
said Perry described in said petition, as taken for the loca-
tion of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Perry
and the petitioners fully on the premises we have ascertained
the damages which the said Perry will suffer by the location
of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the sum of
five hundred and twenty Dollars. The Commissioners do
order said Rail Road Corporation to construct and main-
tain a good and lawful fence between the lands described
in the foregoing petition and the adjoining lands of said
Perry; also to make and maintain a good and convenient
crossing (for the use of said Perry) over the northerly piece of land
described in said petition. All which is submitted.

Willis Phelps

Justin Smith } County Commissioners
Samuel West }

Which Report is accepted.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, of the N. & S. R. R. Co.
County of Hampden. Pet. for appt.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield of damages on
Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents; that they have land of Eli
laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the Burt's other
land of Eli Burt & Amelia Burt, senior, of Springfield, and
Loris Burt, second, late of Springfield in the County of Hamp-
den, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in
said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for
said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Bounded

northerly on land of late Pliny Chapin, now land of said corporation, at a point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road; thence southerly parallel with said centre line to land of Seth Stebbins, to a point two and a half rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land of said Stebbins to a point two and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about forty rods to land of said Pliny Chapin, to a point two and a half rods west of said centre line at right angles therewith; thence easterly by land of said Chapin, to the place of beginning, containing about one acre and one fourth of an acre of land; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Eli, Lois, and Lois, & thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 23 day of September, A. D. 1844.

By Moses Bliss, Acting agent for the
Northampton Springfield Rail Road Corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty seventh day of September, A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, That the Commissioners meet at the house of Eli Burt in said Springfield on Wednesday the second day of October next at nine o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said Burt, by serving them with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. Erasmus Hopkins, as principal and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless for all costs and expenses, in account of said petition.

Moses Phelps, Chairman.

To Eli Burt and Meriam Burt of Springfield and Lois Burt, late of Springfield aforesaid in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield in said County, upon and over lands owned by you at Springfield aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. Now one day notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the House of Eli Burt in Springfield aforesaid, on Wednesday the second day of October next, at nine o'clock A. M. when and where you may be present if you see cause, and be heard upon

the subject.

See order.

Willes Phelps, Chairman.

Hampden Sep 23. A. D. 1844.

I hereby certify, that I have left a copy of the above, this
day at the dwelling house of Eli Burt,
Abner Bliss.

Springfield 27. 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now
the County Commissioners make this Report in writing as follows.
Hampden Co. Oct. 2. 1844. The County Commissioners of said
County having given reasonable notice to Eli Burt and Merion
Burt of Springfield, and David Burt late of Springfield in said
County mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton
and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with
an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract
hereto annexed, met the said Eli Burt and the petitioners,
by Abner Bliss their agent, at the time and place mentioned
in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of
said Burt described in said petition as taken for the location
of said Rail Road, and having heard the said Burt and the peti-
tioners fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages
which the said Burt will suffer by the location of said Rail
Road upon the said lands, as follows, viz. Damage to Eli
Burt, two hundred and fifteen dollars. Damage to David Burt,
two hundred and fifteen dollars. Damage to Merion Burt,
Twenty dollars.

Willes Phelps

Justin Fuller County Commissioners.
Samuel Cook

Which Report is accepted.

To the Hon. the Board of Commissioners of the County of N. S. R. R. Cor.
Hampden. P. S.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road to appraise damages
corporation respectfully represents That they have laid out and on land of
located this Rail Road upon and across the land of Fanny Gris-Lucy & Fanny
wold and Lucy Griswold of Springfield in the County of Hamp- Griswold-
den, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said
County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said
Rail Road is described as follows viz Beginning northerly on
the border of land left for a Mill Pond, at a point two and a
half rods east of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right
angles therewith, and running southerly parallel with the centre
line of said Rail Road, to land of Orange Chapin to a
point two and a half rods east of the centre line of said
Rail at right angles therewith; thence westerly by land
of said Chapin, and land late Otis Skeels, to a point two
and a half rods westerly of said centre line of said Rail
Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with
said centre line of said Rail Road to land belonging to
the District, upon a point which is a school House, two

and a half mile westerly of the center line of said Rail Road; thence easterly by said Mill Pond, to the place of beginning, reserving the right which the public have to the use of a road passing from Williamansett to South Hadley; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the county commissioners, after due notice to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any sustained by the said Fanny and Lucy thereby, according to law.

Dated at Springfield this 25th day of November, A. D. 1844.

Moses Bliss, acting as agent for said corporation.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty fifth day of November A. D. 1844, and it was by him ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Williamansett Hotel in said Springfield on Tuesday December 3^d, 1844, then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Lucy and Fanny, by serving them with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and of this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And Erastus Hopkins of Hampden in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless for all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman

To Fanny Griswold and Lucy Griswold of Springfield in the County of Hampden.

Whereas the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have presented their petition to the County Commissioners of said County, setting forth that they have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield, in said County upon and over lands owned by you at Springfield, aforesaid, which lands are particularly described in said petition on file, and further representing that they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by you thereby. You are hereby notified that the Commissioners will meet for that purpose at the Williamansett Hotel, on Tuesday the third day of December next, then and where you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard upon the subject.

(Copy)

Per order.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

Springfield 25th day Nov. A. D. 1844.

Springfield, Nov. 25. I certify that I have left with the said Fanny and Lucy Griswold, the original notice, of which this is a true copy.

Attest

Moses Bliss.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now the County Commissioners make their Report, in writing as follows.

Hampden Co. Dec. 3^d 1844. The County Commissioners

of said County, having given reasonable notice to Lucy Griswold and Fanny Griswold mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Southampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract hereto annexed, met the said parties by their agents at the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Lucy and Fanny described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having heard the said parties fully in the premises, we have appraised the damages which the said Lucy and Fanny will suffer by the location of said Rail Road, upon the said lands at the sum of Two Hundred and ninety two dollars. It is also ordered that the said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and maintain a good and lawful fence between the land described in the foregoing petition and the lands of said Fanny and Lucy. Said Corporation shall construct and maintain a culvert, in such a manner that the water from the Wilbraham Brook shall set back under the Rail Road, so that it may be used by the said Griswolds for watering cattle, &c.

Willis Phelps, }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read & considered, is accepted.

Springfield Dec. 25th 1844.

To the honorable County Commissioners for Hampshire County Gentlemen, Your petitioner humbly sheweth, that he is a citizen of the town of Wilbraham in said County of Hampshire, and that he had on the first day of May last, less personal property to be taxed for, than in 1843, and the same real estate and on a new. Yet the assessors have seen fit to impose upon him an unreasonable tax compared with his tax in former years, or compared with his fellow townsmen. And he having applied to the board of assessors, through their chairman for an abatement without success, would humbly request your Honors do him justice in the premises.

J. W. Hardy.

I. S. The enclosed certificate of the collector of taxes in Wilbraham, will shew you the state of the money tax. The Highway tax which has for two or three years past, been between two and three Dollars, is this year \$6.31, and yet the town has raised no more money for the Highway, than in years past.

J. W. H.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered by the County Commissioners, that the tax, so imposed upon the property of the said John W. Hardy, by the said assessors, to wit, upon merchandise mortgaged to him and one. Nothing be abated one half the amount, and that the said Hardy, recover his costs.

J. W. Hardy
Pet for abate-
ment of Taxes.

Cottons.

Diamond Cotton, jun is licensed as an Innholder in the town of Longmeadow at the house near the Meeting House in said town.

Order. Com.
to settle, &

Ordered: That Nellie Phelps and Norman Norton be a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Order. to Clerk
to draw his
Warrant, &

Ordered. That the Clerk draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of Two hundred and thirty five Dollars, in favor of the following persons in full for damages apportioned to them on location of Roads, viz: Ashbel Fowler 76.00; Loren Clark, forty five dollars; Harvey Lombard, forty dollars; Erastus Lombard, seventy dollars; Bixby, ten dollars.

County Estimate
1845

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, held at Springfield in and for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December, 1844. The County Commissioners, taking into consideration the necessity of raising a County tax, to defray the current expenses of the County, for the year next ensuing, have made an estimate as follows:

For the payment of Grand and Traverse jurors	\$3000.
" One third expenses criminal prosecutions	1500.
" Clerk of Court for services, Deputies, &c	200.
" Sheriff, Constables, Bail of Court, &c	900.
" Service of Writs	150.
" Dieting Prisoners, and articles for the jail	1600.
" Coroners, for taking Inquisitions	100.
" Support of prisoners in House of Correction	500.
" Repairs and fixtures for county buildings	500.
" Books and Stationery for county officers	100.
" County Commissioners, Agents, Committees, &c	1200.
" Damage for Lands, fences, &c. by location Highways	2000.
" Allowance to Towns for making roads & bridges	1200.
" Repairs of county bridges	400.
" Outstanding debts against the county after deducting balance of taxes for the years 1844, and other available resources	500.
	114,000

Ways and Means.

Estimated receipts from fines, forfeitures, and other resources	500
County tax for the year 1845	13,500
	14,000

The whole tax to be apportioned for defraying the expenses of the county for the year 1845, is estimated as above at thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for

Hampden Co. Feb 7 1845. All matters not acted upon, are
ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without
day. Attest Rich^d 12th Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners,
begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of
Hampden, on the second Tuesday of April, being the eighth
day, and from day to day to the tenth day; and by adjourn-
ment on the eighth day to the day, and from day to day to the
eleventh day of said month; and by adjournment on the twentieth
third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty five.

Present. Niles Phelps Esq. Chairman
Samuel Root Esq. County Commissioners—
Austin Folger Esq.

to Miller, & Co
Petition for
alterations
of Road from
Palmer to Wales

to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
Humbly shew the undersigned inhabitants of the towns of
Palmer, Brimfield and Wales, in said County that the road
leading from the Rail Road in said Palmer, to the center
of said Wales, by the way of the "Hollow Road," is also
passing by the house of Col. Robert Andrews in said Brim-
field, and which is now the most direct and the most
traveled road from the Rail Road in said Palmer to said
Wales, is in many parts very circuitous and hilly; and in
the opinion of the undersigned, many of the cracks and hills
in said road, might with comparatively little labor and
expense, be straightened or cut off, shortened and avoided,
and the road in other respects altered and improved.

The undersigned would also say, that the travel on said
road is very considerable, and that in their opinion, the good
of the public demands that the alterations and improvements
herein mentioned, in said road, should be made. The un-
dersigned would also say to your honorable Board, that
the road leading from the dwelling house of Luke Charles
in said Brimfield, to the center of said town, is also in
some parts circuitous and hilly, and in their opinion, might
without great expense, and with much benefit to the pub-
lic, be altered and greatly improved. And, therefore, the
undersigned pray that your Honors would come on to
and view the said roads, as soon as conveniently may
be, and being convinced, as we fully believe you shall
will be, of the great utility of the alterations and im-
provements in said roads herein mentioned, order and

to be made; and as in duty bound shall

(Signed) Franklin Miller Petitioner.
Date Sept 13 1843.

The foregoing Petition was
entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners
held at Springfield, within and for said County, on the
first Tuesday of Oct. A. D. 1843.

And here, upon the petition aforesaid, the County
Commissioners, assuming a view of the premises of re-
spect and proper, give notice that they will meet, for
the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of
Franklin Miller, in Wales, on Tuesday the fourteenth
day of November next, at 9 o'clock, A. M. And it is
ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of
said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or
his Deputy, upon the clerks of towns of Wales and
Brimfield, in said County, thirty days, at least, before
the said fourteenth day of November, and that all other persons
and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a
copy of said petition, and that order thereon, on the Springfield
Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks
successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the
Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing
the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff
or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Wales and Brim-
field fourteen days before said fourteenth day of November
and that notice be given in manuscript aforesaid to all persons
and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem
a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view
of the same will be taken by them at the time and place
aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the
Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of November,
A. D. 1843. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of
the foregoing Order, made his return as follows,

Windsor, Oct. 11. 1843. I served the towns clerk of
Brimfield, with an attested copy of this petition and
order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his usual
place of abode. On the 11th day of said October, I
served the town clerk of Wales with an attested copy
of the petition aforesaid, and order thereon, by leaving
the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up
in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract
of said petition, containing the substance thereof.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their

Report in writing, as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year eighteen hundred and forty three.

On the Petition of Cornelius Miller and others, the members of said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the road leading from the Whit Road in Palmer to the center of said Wales, by the "Hollow Road," so called, passing by the house of Col. Robert Andrews, in Brimfield is circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be straightened, and hills avoided; also, that the road leading from the dwelling house of Luke Charles, in Brimfield to the center of said town, is also circuitous and hilly, and that the same may be improved, to benefit the public travel, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises of record, appointed Tuesday, the fourteenth day of November then next, and nine O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius Miller in Wales as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Selects of the Towns of Brimfield and Wales, being the towns within which said roads are situated, prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that some alterations and changes of location should be made in said roads, and that the prayer of said petition be granted, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boise }
 Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners.
 Forbes Hyle }

Said Report being read and considered, was accepted; And the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Cornelius Stebbins in Wales on Thursday the twenty second day of August, next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of establishing said alterations and improvements, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereof, in the Independent Democrat, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 22^d day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Wales and Brimfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Wales and Brimfield fourteen days at least before the said 22^d day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations and improvements, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and specify such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said roads.
Rich^d Phelps, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows,

Hampden Co. July 22^d 1844. I served the Town Clerks of each of the towns of Brimfield and Wales, with an attested copy of this petition and order, by giving a copy to the Clerk of Brimfield, and leaving a copy at the dwelling house of the Clerk of Wales; and posted up in two public places in each of said towns, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.
G. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report, in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield,

in said county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the Town of our said
 eighth hundred and forty three.

On the petition of Cornelius Miller and others, then presented
 to said Commissioners, respondents and setting forth, that the road
 leading from the Rail Road and Palmer to the center of said
 Wales, by the Holland Road so called, passing by the house
 of Col. R. Jackson, in Springfield is circuitous and hilly, and
 that the same may be straightened, and the hills avoided; Also
 that the road leading from the dwelling house of Luke Charles
 in Springfield to the center of said town is circuitous and
 hilly, and that the same may be improved; as by said
 petition, on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises where-
 unto, appointed Tuesday the fourteenth day of November, then
 next, and at twelve in the forenoon, at the house of Cornelius
 Miller, in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises;
 and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
 Clerk of the town of Springfield and Wales, being the town
 within which such allegations and locations are prayed for,
 thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view;
 and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the
 substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each
 of said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested,
 by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
 successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published
 in said county, said posting and the last publication of said
 copy having been fourteen days at least before the time ap-
 pointed for said view; and before said view was had, said
 Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in
 the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of
 the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of November, the Com-
 missioners met at the time and place appointed, and pro-
 ceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same,
 the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next
 regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield
 aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.
 At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the
 hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and ad-
 judge upon the prayer of said petition, and after con-
 sidering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that
 common convenience and necessity require, that some
 alterations and changes of location be made in said
 roads, and submitted their Report, accordingly; And after
 adjudicating as aforesaid, the Commissioners appointed
 Thursday the twenty second day of August, then next,
 and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Cor-
 nelius Miller, in said Wales, as the time and place
 when and where they would meet and proceed to lay

and establish said highway. And the said Commissioners
gave notice of the application and the time and place
appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, in
damages in the same manner as the notice and
application was given and made, and as is by law in such
cases made and provided, before proceeding to view and
publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a
copy thereof, on the said 22nd day of August, met and pro-
ceeded to lay out and establish a common highway, on
said petition, as follows, viz:

Commencing at a Post, in the Wall, about three rods
north of a Maple tree, on land owned by Alured Homer;
thence south, $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N. 17 rods, to a stake and stones; thence
N. $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 13 rods 15 links; thence N. 10° W. 17 rods and 10 links;
thence N. 59° W. 8 rods and 4 links, to a stake and stones;
thence N. $49\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 25 rods and 20 links, to Luke Charles'
land; thence N. $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. $38\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence N. 18° W. 5 rods
and 8 links; thence N. $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 7 rods, to a white Oak
tree; thence N. 18° W. 12 rods, to the north side of the
highway leading by said Charles, to Brimfield meeting
house. Said bearing and distances, describe the north
line of said Road: which is laid three rods wide.

After making said locations, the Commissioners
agreed to make for that purpose, heard all persons
in the matter of damage (who wished to be heard)
and made their assessments of damage as follows viz:

To Alured Homer, Severely five dollars.	75.00
Luke Charles, twenty dollars.	20.00

In the construction and making said road, the
Commissioners order, that the travelled path be made
eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches, and that a
sufficient number of culverts be made, for the free
passage of the water.

The whole of said road is to be made and
completed, previous to the first day of October, 1845.

Willis Phelps, }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

Which Report, being read and considered, is ac-
cepted, and the Road laid out and established, as
a Public Highway.

At the County Commissioners, for the County of
Hampden,

We, the undersigned subscribers, inhabitants of the
town of Westfield, in the County of Hampden, do so-
licitly pray your Honorable Board to view the
road commencing at the north end of Cooper's
Bridge, so called, in West Parish in said town;

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alteration of
two roads in
Westfield

from thence to the School House in said West Parish; likewise, to view the road commencing at Andrew Eager, Noble's, in said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and repairs, as you may judge necessary, upon each of said roads. As in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed

Thomas Loomis Votues.

This Petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October, A.D. 1843, and continued to the meeting on second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord, 1844.

And now upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Thomas Loomis, in Westfield, on Thursday the thirteenth day of June next, at nine o'clock, A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the Town of Westfield, in said County thirty days, at least, before the said thirteenth day of June; and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Hampden Post, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said 13th day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A.D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his Return as follows:

Hampden Co. May 14th 1844. I served the town clerk of Westfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode. And also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, more than 14 days before said meeting.

E. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of

the County of Hampton, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four, and by adjournment on the eighth day May then next.

On the petition of Thomas Loomis and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the petitioners are desirous that a view may be had of the road commencing at the north end of Bowles' Bridge, so called, given thence to the School house, in the West Parish in Westfield. Also, of the road commencing at William Rogers' stable, in said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and repairs as shall be thought proper; as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises especially appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of June then next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Loomis, in said Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations of said highways are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampton Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of June, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require that some alterations should be made, and the Commissioners make and submit their Report; accordingly.

Wm. Phelps, 3
Samuel Root, County Commissioners,
Austin Diller)

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Bancroft to meet at nine o'clock on the fourteenth day of August such alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and the order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be four days at least before the said fourteenth day of August.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, deliver the Clerk of the Town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and the order thereon, at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said Town of Westfield, fourteen days at least, before the said fourteenth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said alterations.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the County Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows.

Hampden, Jr. July 11. 1844. I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house; and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, viz:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four;

On the petition of Thomas Loomis and others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the petitioners pray that the Commissioners revise the road commencing at the north end of Bartlett's Bridge, (so called) in the West Parish of Westfield; from thence to the school house in said West Parish; likewise to run the road commencing at Miller's Cove at the south end of said West Parish; thence running to Westfield Green, and to make such alterations and repairs as shall be thought

order as by said petition to file with appeal.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the thirtieth day of June then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Loomis, in said Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield, being the town within which such alterations of said highway are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Thompson's Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirtieth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petitioners be granted, and submitted their Report accordingly, June A. D. 1844. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of August, then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Bancroft Loomis, in said Westfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to laying out and establishing said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication, and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damage in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourteenth day of August, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a common highway, on said petition, as follows, viz,

Commencing at a white Oak tree, near the north end of Cowles Bridge, and running South, 45° W. 12

rods 15 links, to a stake in the fence, by land of Orrin Bowles; thence South $34^{\circ}W$ 15 rods to a stake, in said Bowles' garden; thence by said Bowles' $S 26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}W$ 24 rods, to a small butternut tree, in the fence; thence South $46^{\circ}W$ 22 rods 5 links, to a stake in the stone wall, by said Bowles' land; thence $S 34\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}E$ 17 rods 10 links, to a point by the stone wall, on land of Martin Bowles; thence $S 33\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}E$ 15 rods 10 links, to a stake 4 ft southerly of the corner of said Martin's Wood shed; then $S 40^{\circ}E$ 7 rods 14 links, by said Bowles' house, to land of Martin Sackett; thence $S 29^{\circ}E$ 36 rods 23 links, to a notch cut six inches from the corner on Martin Sackett's door yard fence; then $S 28^{\circ}E$ 14 rods 14 links to the corner of Hial Holcomb's cowhouse; thence $S 18\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}E$ 4 rods 8 links, to corner of said Holcomb's door yard; thence on said Holcomb's land, South $8^{\circ}E$ 17 rods, 16 links; then south $38^{\circ}E$ 8 rods 2 links, to corner of Elijah Porter's land; then on said Porter's land, $S 39^{\circ}E$ 12 rods 9 links, to a white oak, at the corner of George Nelson's land, then on said Nelson's land, $S 35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}E$ 28 rods 6 links, to a stake 2 feet westerly of a white Oak, on said Nelson's land; then $S 39^{\circ}E$ 33 rods 15 links, to a stake, near the corner of Orrin Jones' garden; then South $13^{\circ}E$ 5 rods; then $S 21^{\circ}W$ 24 rods 5 links, to a point 3 rods easterly of a Walnut tree, near the school house.

Also, one other piece of road, Beginning at a maple tree by the fence, northerly and near the corner of Thomas Loomis' Tavern, and running $S 45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}E$ 8 rods 17 links to a stake; thence $S 65\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}E$ 67 rods 10 links, to a stake, near the house of Tho^s Bowles; then $S 70^{\circ}E$ 34 rods to a stake in the fence, by the highway adjoining the land of Ichiel Shepard. This road to be three rods wide.

And after making said locations, the commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons who wished to be heard, in claims for damage, and made their assessments as follows, viz:

To Orrin Bowles four dollars	44.00
" Martin Bowles, two dollars	2.00
" James Hale, two dollars	2.00
" Martin Sackett, seven dollars	7.00
" Hial Holcomb, five dollars	5.00
" Joshua Loomis, five dollars	5.00
" Thomas Loomis, nine dollars	9.00
" Hester Loomis, thirteen	13.00
" Tho ^s Loomis, do four dollars	4.00
" Bowles eight dollars	8.00

In the construction of said road, the commissioners order that the travelled path be made fifteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that there be a sufficient number of good and substantial cutways and bridges made for the free passage of the water; all to be made and completed, to the accep-

of the County Commissioners, previous to the first day of July 1844.
Willis Phelps }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners—
Austin Diller }

Said report being read and considered is accepted, and the
Road located and established as and for Public Highways—

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden—

The petition of the subscribers, humbly represents that in
their opinion the public convenience and necessity require, that
a new road be constructed, commencing near the Methodist
meeting house in Monson; then an easterly direction crossing
the line between Monson and Wales; thence easterly until
it intersects the road leading to Wales meeting house, near
the house of Moses Sherman, on said Wales. We therefore,
pray that a view may be had, and that such other mea-
sures may be adopted, as shall be necessary to carry the
purview of said petition into effect; and as we daily trust
will ever pray.

(Signed)

Arnon Bradley & others.

May 26 1844—

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners,
held on the fourth Tuesday of Dec. A. D. 1843 & continued to the meeting on the
second Tuesday of April, in the Year of our Lord 1844.

And when the petition aforesaid, the County Com-
missioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and
further were ordered that they will meet for the purpose of
said view at the dwelling house of Amos Norcross, in
Monson, on Wednesday the 29th day of May, next, at 9
o'clock, A. M.; and it is ordered by the County Commis-
sioners that a copy of said petition be served by the
Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the electors of
the Towns of Monson and Wales, in said County, thirty
days at least, before the said 29th day of May, and
that all other persons and corporations interested there-
in be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order therein in the Springfield Gazette, a
public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks
successively, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least, before the time of said view. And it is
further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said
petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof,
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Depu-
ty, in two public places in the Towns of Monson and
Wales, fourteen days before said 29th day of May,
and that notice be given, in manner aforesaid to all
persons and corporations interested, that the County
Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient.

A. Bradley & others
Petition for
Road in
Monson & Wales.

and proper, and that a view of the same will be shown by them at the time and places aforesaid.

Rich^d. Bligh, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. April 27. 1844. I served the town clerks of Monson and Wales, each with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to each; and also posted up in each of said towns in two public places, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

In the petition of Amos Bradway & others, then presented, to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the public convenience and necessity require, that a new road should be laid out and constructed commencing near the Methodist meeting house in Monson thence running in an easterly direction, until it intersects the road running to Wales meeting house, near the house of Deacon Sherman in Wales, they therefore pray that a view may be had of said road and such measures be taken as shall be thought necessary to carry the prayer of the petitioners into effect; as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the 29th day of May then next, and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Knapp, in said Monson, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of Monson and Wales, being the towns within which such locations of said highway are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested; by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County; said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described

the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the
said petition for commencing said views.

And on the said 24th day of May, the Commissioners met at the
said place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and
being advised the same, the further consideration thereof, was
deferred till its next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held
at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June, then next,
at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing,
said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge
upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the
same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common con-
venience and necessity require, that the prayer of the pe-
tition be granted, (in whole or partly) and the Commis-
sioners make and submit their report accordingly.

Willis Phelps } County Commissioners,
Samuel Root }

Abel Balkins, Special Commissioner.

Said Report being read and considered, was accepted, and
the Court adjudget of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, by the County Com-
missioners, that notice be given to all persons and corpora-
tions interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet
at the dwelling house of Amos Knappe, in Monson, on
Wednesday the twenty first day of August, next at 9
o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said
road by publishing an abstract of said petition, and
also make thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public
newspaper, printed in said County, three weeks suc-
cessively, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least before the said twenty first day of August.

And it is further ordered by the County Commission-
ers that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve
the Clerk of the town of Monson and Wales with a
copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least,
and post up abstracts, containing the substance
thereof, in two public places in said towns of Monson
and Wales fourteen days at least before the said
21st day of August, at which time the said Com-
missioners will proceed to locate said road, and
will hear all persons and corporations interested there-
in, who may then and there desire to be heard, and
apportion damages as in their opinion may be just
and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Wells, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of
the County Commissioners.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of
the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz
Hampden p. July 20th 1844. I served the towns

block of Benson, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving him an attested copy thereof and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition. On the 22nd day of July, I served the town clerk of Wales with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

At which meeting the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows, to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Abner Brodway & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and necessity require that a new road should be laid out and constructed, commencing near the Methodist meeting house in Benson; thence running in an easterly direction until it intersects the road running to said meeting house, near the house of Moses Sherman, in Wales they therefore pray, that necessary measures be taken to carry the prayer of the petitioners into effect, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners viewing a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty ninth day of March next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jonas Lacroix in said Benson, as the same was place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Benson and Wales, being the town within which such location of said highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the same appointed for said view, and also caused a copy of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been five days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty ninth day of March, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next

regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on
the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties
were heard and after the hearing, the Commissioners proceeded to
consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitions, and
after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge
that common convenience and necessity require that the pray-
er of the petitioners be granted, and the Commissioners make
and submit their report accordingly. And after adjudging
as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Wednesday the
twenty first day of August then next, and 9 o'clock in the
forenoon, at the house of Amos Storoff, in said town, as
the time and place when and where they would meet
and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway; and
the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudi-
cation, and the time and place appointed for the meeting
and having the persons interested or claims for damages,
in some manner as the notice and publication was given
and made, and as is by law in such case made and
provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an
abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the
said twenty first day of August next, said petitioners did proceed to
lay out and establish a common highway on said petition,
as follows, viz.

Beginning at a point 3 rods northwesterly of the north
west corner of the Ormsby house, so called, in the easterly
line of the Turnpike; thence S. $71\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $37\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake
and stones at the commencement of the new route; thence
S. $34\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $24\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake and stones on Lyman Shaw's
land; thence S. 55° E. $11\frac{1}{2}$ rods, to a pine tree marked; thence
on said Shaw's land S. $82\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods, to an Oak; thence
S. $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $15\frac{3}{4}$ r. to a pine tree; thence S. 55° E. $18\frac{1}{2}$ r to a
chestnut tree; thence S. 36° E. 45 rods to a stake and stones;
thence S. 33° E. 8 r. to Rufus Stebbins' land; thence, on the
same point, 18 rods, to said Shaw's land; thence on the
same point, 12 r to a stake; thence S. 45° E. 30 rods to
Rufus Stebbins' land; thence on the same point, 10 r on said
Stebbins' to a white Oak marked; thence S. $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $9\frac{1}{2}$ R.
to a white Oak; thence S. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 29 R. to a white Oak;
thence S. $22\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $15\frac{1}{2}$ R. to a white birch saddle; thence S. $1\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$
E. 53 rods, to a maple tree; thence S. 19° E. 24 R. to Josiah
Conant's land; thence on the same point 16 R. to a post
in the barn yard fence, about 28 links southerly from
the barn; thence S. $7\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $17\frac{3}{4}$ R to a stake and stones, in-
tersecting the road leading by said Conant's saw mill;
thence N. $86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 13 R.; thence N. 81° E. 17 rods to a stake and
stones; thence S. 84° E. 22 R. to a white Oak, by widow Skir-
ner's land; thence S. $56\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ 18 R. to a pile of large stones;
thence S. 43° E. 21 rods, to a stake; thence S. 29° E. 18 rods
to a stake; thence S. $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 19 R. to a stake, by land of

Samuel Walbridge; thence on said Walbridge's land, S. 12° E. 9 rods to a White Oak; thence S. 11° E. 34 R. to a large rock, by Carlton Squires land; thence on said Squires land S. 18½° E. 10 rods, to a black Oak tree; thence S. 31° E. 10 R. to another black Oak; thence S. 53° E. 9 R. to the old Glover mill Road; thence on the same point, about 14 R. to a black Oak; thence S. 39° E. 12 rods to a stake, intersecting the road leading by Ranselias Squires. Said bearing and distances describe the West and south line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

The Commissioners also proceeded to establish and lay out on said petition, one other common highway, situated in the town of Wales; commencing at the butment of the wall, a little east of the brook, and near the house of widow Eaton; thence N. 28° E. 13¾ rods, to a stake and stones; thence N. 47¾° E. 18 rods, to a stake and stones; thence N. 47° E. 15 rods, on land owned by widow Eaton; thence N. 48½° E. 15½ rods to a maple staddle; thence N. 47½° E. 8 rods to a maple tree; thence N. 46° E. 6¾ rods to a large stump; thence N. 40½° E. 19 rods, to a white birch staddle on land owned by James Dimock; thence N. 28½° E. 8¾ rods, to a chestnut tree; thence N. 7° E. 7 rods, to a white Birch; thence N. 11° E. 11¾ rods to a chestnut tree; thence N. 18½° E. 10½ rods to black birch tree; thence N. 34° E. 16 rods to a chestnut tree on land owned by Doct. Smith; thence N. 34° E. 13 rods, to a large rock; thence N. 23½° E. 17 R. to an Oak; thence N. 50° E. 7 rods to a rock; thence N. 63° E. 11 R. to a rock; thence N. 27½° E. 30 rods to the west butment of the bar way, on the south side of the highway, on land owned by Moses Sherman. Said bearings and distances describe the West line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said locations, the Commissioners, agreeable to motion for that purpose, heard all parties in the matter of damage (who wished to be heard) and made their assessments of damages as follows, viz.

To Lyman Shaw one hundred and five dollars	115.	} Sum paid
" Rufus Stebbins, one hundred and forty dollars	140.	
" Josiah Leonard, ten dollars	10.	
" Ned C. Skinner, forty dollars	40.	
" Samuel Walbridge thirty dollars	30.	
" Bolton Squires, fifteen dollars	15.	
" Widow King, five dollars	5.	
To Thos. Eaton, thirty dollars	30.	
" Doct. Smith, twenty five dollars	25.	
" James Dimock, fifteen dollars	15.	
" Moses Sherman, seventy five dollars	75.	

Austin Fetter, one of the County Commissioners, being interested, as an Inhabitant of the town of Monson, in which a part of said road is situated and not yet with the Board in the survey and laying out of said roads, and Abel

William one of the Special Commissioners of the County, being
present, attended and acted as, one of the board, as the work
was to be done.

In the construction and making of said roads, the
Commons order, that the travelled path be made eighteen
feet wide exclusive of ditches, and that a sufficient
number of cuttings and bridges shall be constructed in a
suitable and workmanlike manner, for the free passage
of the water; the hill near Symon Shaw's barn is to be
excavated two feet deep and the earth placed at the bottom
of the hill, near the guide board. The road must be
constructed that it may be good getting on from the
road to the new road, where it commences, on
land of Symon Shaw; the hill, also, on said Shaw's land
shall be thoroughly tamped, and if it is found to be
very sandy, it must be hardened with loam, so it will
be a good travelled path. The abutments at the
bridge near Bonants mill, are to be raised, and
to five feet higher than they now are. The road
on either side of a white Oak tree, in front of Bonants
mill, is to be excavated 1 1/2 feet, and the earth
placed in the embankment near the bridge. The hill,
near where the road enters widow Eaton's pasture, must not
spread from degrees, after the road is made. The whole of
said work to be made and completed previous to the first
day of October, 1845.

At which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps,
Sumner Root,
Jed Watkins Special Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
Roads located and established as Common Highways.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Springfield, Represent that Petition for
the further Continuance requires that Northampton Street in Springfield continuance
should be extended easterly, over lands of William Sheldon, Willis of Northampton St.
Phelps and others, to Sumner Street; they therefore request your in Springfield
Board to view and establish a Highway from the East end of
Northampton Street, to Sumner Street, as soon as may be.
Springfield, March 9, 1844.

(Signed)

To W. H. Buckland & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the
year of our Lord, A. D. 1844. At which meeting the County
Commissioners viewing a view of the premises depicted and
upon your notice that they will meet for the purpose of said road at
the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the twenty seventh day

of June next, at 9 o'clock A. M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 27th day of June, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Independent Democrat, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said 27th day of June, and that notice be given in manner as aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d B. B. Clerk.

And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1844. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the above order, made his return as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. May 26th 1844. I served the town Clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, more than 14 days before said meeting, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report on voting, as follows to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of W. H. Buckland & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that Northampton Street in Springfield should be extended easterly, on lands of William Sheldon, Ellis Phelps, and others, to Amory Street; the petitioners therefore request that a view of the premises may be had, and a Highway be established as soon as may be, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty seventh day of June then next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the Town House in said County, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town

which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said town, and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 27th day of June, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having received the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties, at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, the commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Melles Phelps, one of the County Commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of Springfield, did not act on the above named petition, and Abel Balkins, one of the Special Commissioners, acted in his stead.

All which is submitted, and accepted.

Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }
Abel Balkins, Special Commissioners.

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and thereby adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1844, and by adjournment on the fifth day of February, A. D. 1845. At which meeting, it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the nineteenth day of March next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper, printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said 18th day of March. And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County,

or his Deputy, serve the block of the town of Springfield, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Springfield, fourteen days at least, before the said 13th day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and apportion such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Bly's block.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, in

Hampton Co. Feb^y 11th 1845. I served the town block of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order thereon, by leaving the same at his office, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract of said petition, more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make this Report, in writing, as follows. To wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampton Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampton, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of W. H. Buckland & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that Worthington Street, in Springfield, should be extended easterly to Amherst Street, the petitioners therefore request, that the premises may be viewed and a Highway established, according to the prayer of the petitioners, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty seventh day of June then next, and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said County, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and ordered a copy of said petition to be served upon the block of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such Highway as prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time

and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing petition to all persons interested, at the time and place for examining said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of June, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of June then next, and 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Court House in said county, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway; and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and having all persons interested in claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of March, and by adjournment on the ninth day of April, then next, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake, standing on the easterly line of Spring street, south 30° East six rods and $14\frac{1}{2}$ links from the southwesterly corner of C. A. Bugbee's new brick house; thence from said stake N. $48^{\circ} 20'$ E. forty three rods and 4 links to a marked fence post by land of Wm. Howe; thence on the same course (N. $48^{\circ} 20'$ E) on land of said Howe and Wm. Sheldon 27 rods and 23 links, to a stake on the summit of a Knoll, on said Sheldon's pasture; thence N. $52\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E 42 rods and 20 links, on land of said Sheldon and Willis Phelps, to a stake standing S. $59^{\circ} 10'$ W. 10 rods and $9\frac{1}{2}$ links from the southwesterly corner of the new house, owned by Henry Nash; thence on land of said Phelps N. $50^{\circ} 25'$ E. sixty nine rods and 12 links, to a stake on the westerly line of County street. The line run as the southeasterly sides of said road; and the same is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the commissioners made their apportionment of damages as follows, viz.

To William Howe, fifty five dollars

\$55.

To William Sheldon, twenty dollars

\$20.

Willis Phelps one of the County Commissioners, being interested, and not set with the Board in the proceedings in viewing said lay-out, said road, and Nelson C. Boice, a Special Commissioner of the County, being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board, as in such cases is provided.

For the construction and making of said road, the Commission-ers order, that the travelling path be made twenty feet wide exclusive of ditches, and that a sufficient number of brick or stone culverts be constructed in a durable and workmanlike manner for the free passage of the water; that the earth be taken from the knolls and put into the hollows, so that there shall not any of the hills (where the road passes over the lands of Howe or Sheldon) exceed 4th rise, after the road is completed. The whole of said road to be made and completed on or before the first day of October 1844, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners. Willis Phelps is allowed one year, from the time the road is completed, for the removal of his fence, which is in the south-ern part of said road.

Austin Fuller County Commissioner
Samuel Root

Nelson C. Boice, Special Commissioner

Which Report being read, and considered, is accepted and the Road laid out and established as and for a Common Highway—

Wm. Synchon
Pet. for a Jury
to appraise dam-
age occasioned by
location of
N. & S. R.

To the Hon. Court of County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1844.

William Synchon, of said Springfield respectfully represents that he feels himself aggrieved by the estimation of the dam-ages occasioned to him by the location of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road, through and over his lands in said town of Springfield, as the same were estimated by this Court, on the 1st day of August last; he therefore, at this first regular meeting of this Board, since that time, prays the County Com-missioners to order a jury to be summoned, to appraise the dama-ges occasioned to him by said location, according to the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated at Springfield, this first day of October A. D. 1844.

William Synchon.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October A. D. 1844, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is Ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

North & Sprague
R. Road Corp
Pet for app of dam-
age occasioned by
location of
C. W. Chapin

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden.

The petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of Chester W.

Chapin of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows viz Beginning northerly on land of Charles McBlellan, at a point fifty feet westerly from Station 168.63 of the centre line of location, measured on said McBlellan's south line (lying southerly of the Ferry road) and thence southerly, about seventy four feet, to a point forty eight feet westerly of said centre line; thence southerly one hundred eighty four feet, to a point fifty feet from said centre line; thence eighty seven feet southerly, to a point on the northerly side of the road leading from the village to the lumber yards on the bank of Connecticut river; thence easterly on said road, one hundred and seven feet, to a point forty seven and a half feet easterly of said centre line; thence northerly forty feet to a point fifty feet from said centre line; thence northerly one hundred twenty four feet, to a point fifty eight feet easterly of said centre line; thence northerly, about eighty five feet, to a point on land of said Charles McBlellan, and ninety feet easterly of said centre line, measured on said McBlellan's south line; thence westerly one hundred and forty feet to the place of beginning, and containing one hundred twenty seven rods land.

Also, one other piece of land, lying in Springfield aforesaid, bounded and described as follows; lying westerly of Chicopee Street; Beginning, northerly by land of Giles S. Chapin, at a point two and a half rods easterly of the centre line of location, and thence southerly nearly parallel with said centre line, about six hundred fifty feet, to land of Lewis Perry, to a point thirty two and a half feet easterly of the line of said road; thence westerly by land of Lewis Perry, eighty five feet; thence northerly, about six hundred thirty eight feet parallel with said centre line, to land of Giles S. Chapin; thence easterly by said Giles S. Chapin's land, to the place of beginning, containing one acre and thirty seven rods land. That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the County Commissioners, after due notice, to visit the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Chester W. Chapin, thereby, according to law.

Dated Springfield, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1845.

Moses Bliss,

Acting as Agent for said Corporation.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners, and by the said Commissioners, ordered to be dismissed. The petitioners withdraw their application.

To the Hon. the County Commissioners for the county of Hampden
 E. Barton & al April Term, 1845.

Petition for
 working
 State Street

The subscribers, Inhabitants of the town of Springfield, respectfully represent, That the County Commissioners, for said County, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty two, after due proceedings in that behalf had, did, on the first day of October in said year, 1832, lay and establish a certain road or highway, as a county road, being a continuation of State Street, in said Springfield, westward from Main Street to the bank of Connecticut river, as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake standing on the west side of Main Street, in said Springfield, on a course bearing South 46° W. from the southwest corner of Dwight's south store, four rods and six links, and measuring from the northwest corner of Barnes' building, six rods and three and a half links, and running from said stake S. 47° W. 23 rods, to a stake on the brow of the hill; thence S. $48^{\circ} 20'$ W. 56 rods, to a stake on the bank of the river, which is the northerly line of said road; then returning for the southerly line, began at a stake on the said bank, standing three rods E. $48^{\circ} 20'$ S. from the stake at the termination of the northerly line, and run thence, N. $48^{\circ} 20'$ E. to a stake at the brow of the hill; thence North. $49^{\circ} 40'$ E. to a point on the westerly side of Main Street, three rods and sixteen links, from the stake where the running of the northerly line of the road commenced. And the said County Commissioners then and there ordered and prescribed, as follows, to wit, that "the owners of buildings on the land taken for said Road, were to be allowed to permit said buildings to remain ten years from the date thereof, to wit, from said first day of October, A. D. 1832, and that all other obstructions and incumbrances were to be removed in six months, which time was by said Commissioners, allowed the owners thereof to remove them; and the said Commissioners did then and there apportion damages for land taken for said road, as follows, viz. To Jeremy Warriner, one dollar; for the heirs and devisees of Thomas Bates, dec. to George Bolton, their trustee, four hundred dollars; the other owners of land, having relinquished all claim to damages. And the said County Commissioners did then and there also order and prescribe, That the travelled path of said road should be wrought, at least twenty five feet wide, in all parts that were or might be unobstructed, and in the parts obstructed, to be as wide as convenience would allow; to be done by the first day of June then next, to the acceptance of said Commissioners. The subscribers further state, that the said George Bolton, trustee as aforesaid, being dissatisfied with the amount of damages apportioned to him as aforesaid, did there, afterwards, to wit, on the 5th day of April, 1833, petition for and obtain a Jury or Committee, in pursuance of the statute in this behalf to wit, a committee consisting of

John Wyles, Thomas Bond, and William Child, for the purpose (if they should so determine) of increasing said damages, and that, after considering the same, and hearing all parties in interest, the said committee reported, that \$300 additional damages should be allowed to said trustee, making in all \$700, for the removal of said buildings and the land taken, which Report was accepted, and recorded, and said \$700 was duly paid to and accepted by said trustee, to wit on the 15th day of April. A. D. 1833, as appears by voucher No 1091, in the Treasurer's office of said County.

The subscribers further state, that notwithstanding, said highway was thus established by said Commissioners, and said \$700 paid to the owners of said buildings for the removal of the same, and for said land taken and although said ten years have long since passed, yet all said buildings, to wit, a portion of the tavern house and adjoining buildings still remain thereon, and have never been removed, nor said road made and completed in the manner prescribed by said Commissioners. The subscribers, therefore, now move this Honorable Board, that they will, as soon as may be, cause said buildings to be removed, and said highway to be completed as aforesaid, to their acceptance as the law in such case provides.

Elkanah Barton & others.

This petition was entered at this meeting, of the County Commissioners, and there being an Indictment pending for a nuisance in the road, this Petition was dismissed.

Abel Watkins is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in his house, at Three Rivers, in Patuxent.

Elias Turner is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at his house, in the center of the Town of Patuxent.

Ephraim Allen is licensed as an Innholder in his house in the Depot Village in Patuxent.

John Allen is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the house he now resides in, at the Depot village in Patuxent.

John Newton is licensed as a Retailer of Wine, Brandy, Rum, and other spiritous liquors, in a Green Store 1/2 mile south of the meeting house in Anson.

Daniel N. Green, is licensed as an Innholder or Common Victualler, on the northeast corner of the Corn-mow in Dringfield.

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Hinney

Elisha Hinney is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in his dwelling house, in the Town of Holland.

Petter

Elisha A. Petter is licensed as an Innholder, in the town of Wilbraham.

Baldwin

John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder, at his house in Wilbraham.

Hodgett

Samuel B. Hodgett is licensed as an Innkeeper, at the house now kept by Mr. Wetherbee in Southwick.

Chapman

Leavis Chapman is licensed as an Innholder in the Yellow House, in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Taylor

Nicojah Taylor is licensed as an Innholder, at his house, 11 miles West of the Green in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Storcup

Amos Storcup is licensed as an Innholder or Common Victualler, on the corner of Benson, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Lindsey

William Lindsey is licensed as a Common Victualler, at the Root Road House, so called, near Chester Villages, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Talbot

Marcius M. Talbot is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at his house in West Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Golden Jr

Diamond Golden, Jr. is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, near the meeting house in Longmeadow, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Brooks

John F. Brooks is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, in the East Parish of Longmeadow.

Barrows

Eli Barrows is licensed as a Retailer of Brandy, Rum, and other spiritous liquors, and also Wine, at his dwelling house in Springfield.

Petter

Mrs. Fensha Petter is licensed as an Innholder at her house in Ludlow, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Skinner

Jose Skinner is licensed as an Innholder at Foxcroftville, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Shepard

Levi Shepard is licensed as a Common Victualler, in the house called the Union House, in Blanford, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder at the house which he now occupies on the north side of Great River, near the Western R. R. Depot in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Samuel King is licensed as an Innholder at the house now occupied by one King, near Morley's Bridge, in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

King

Sam Smith is licensed as a common victualler, at his shop on the north side of the River, near R. R. Depot in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Smith

Samuel Hanchett is licensed as a common victualler, in the corner on the east side of Westfield Green in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Hanchett

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder at the house occupied by him in Westfield, called the Farmers Hotel, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Loomis

Thomas Loomis is licensed as a common victualler, at his shop in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Loomis

Thomas Clarence is licensed as a common victualler in the shop building in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Clarence

The following persons are licensed as Innholders and common victuallers, at their respective houses in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, viz.

Henry Swan, at the Pine Knoll House.

Samuel Hays, at the U. S. Hotel.

William Jennings, at the Millman's House.

Francis S. King, at the Franklin House, Chicopee Falls.

Justin S. Merrill, at the Clinton House.

Age Moulton, at the Franklin House, on the Hill.

Marvin Chapin, at the Massena House.

Elmer S. Chapin, at the Cabot House.

Oliver Ashen, at the Western Hotel.

Abby Haydock, at the Columbian Hotel.

Rufus Haskins, at the Eagle House.

Amos Jennings, at the Rail Road House.

Henry McKenny, at the Mechanics Hotel.

Charles R. White, at the Exchange Hotel.

Wendell M. Burnham, at the Hamilton House.

Maynard V. Day, at the American House.

Frederick Adams, at the Chicopee Falls Hotel.

O. H. Allen, at the Alden House.

Henry Stacking at the Stamford Coffee House.
 Arthur Sinsedale, at the Hotel corner of Main & Fort Streets.

May, 1845.

In conformity with a Resolves of the General Court passed on the eleventh day of March, A. D. 1845 granting a Sum of Thirteen thousand five hundred Dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following.

Blandford	531 55
Brimfield	577 12
Chesler	343 25
Granville	346 06
Holland	150 88
Longmeadow	1136 41
Sutton	450 39
Menson	826 67
Montgomery	139 57
Palmer	401 57
Russell	177 28
Southwick	396 06
Springfield	14 763 06
Tolland	222 55
Wales	146 14
Westfield	1 233 45
Westspringfield	1 240 99
Wilbraham	220 53
	312 300 00

and Warrants have been issued, dated the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1845, directed to the Selectmen or assessors of the several Towns in the County directing them to assess the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective Collectors or Constables to collect the same, and pay the same to William Rice, Esq. County Treasurer, or his Successor, or Order, by the last day of August, next ensuing, as the law directs.

Richd. Bly, Clerk.

Accounts

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Several accounts against the County, being now presented to the County Commissioners, amounting to the sum of Two hundred ninety two dollars and two cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed and ordered to be paid from the County Treasury, viz.

To Smith & Taylor, for 300 bushels of Potatoes (Hillsdale)	2 00
to Ralph Day, for 33 cords of Wood of J. H. Leach & Co.	74 25
to do do do of James Day	10 00
to J. D. Butler, 7 quires Linen medium (Hillsdale)	5 12

Justin Butler, coroner, Inquest upon the body of John Miller, February 15, 1845	3.20
James M. - John Ward	1.37
Samuel Allen	1.44
Almon Allen	1.44
John D. Blanchard	1.61
Benjamin Davis	1.44
Oliver Turner	1.37
Amasa Davis	.74
Samuel Collins	.66
April Carpenter	.58
Philip Lamb	.66
William Knox	.58
William Turner	.58
Constable - Benjamin Bailey	1.53
John Ballin, for use of Room	2.00

Harvey Chapin, coroner, Inquisition upon the body of Ethan Butler, February 16, 1845	3.16
James M. Brooks	1.73
John Cooper	1.37
Reuben Wood	1.37
Frances Leonard	1.37
William M. Gray	1.37
John B. Cooper	1.37
Maria Grosvenor	.58
Justin R. Corley	.58
Henry Cotton	.58
Samuel Butler	.58
Constable - Martin King	1.34

William M. Billings for medical attendance and medicine at County House from April 1 st to July 1 st 1845.	2.50
John V. Co. for stove pipes, tin conductor, putting up stoves &c. to the County House	54.90
C. A. Seams surveying Northington Street Continued. & paying chairman	3.00
Theodore Bliss for Boards, County House	7.12
E. Porter for printing Rules for House of Correction for publishing notices of Probate Court meeting, Westfield	1.00
Taylor & Keane for repairing 2 stock horses	3.67
Amasa Parsons fixing Stoves, getting up Wood, attending to C. Stens Court and Probate Court and taking care of Court House from October 1844 to April 1845	42.98
Richard Bliss, clerk for Probate, &c. &c.	113.72
Various, carrying accounts, &c. &c.	
	\$ 292.02

Hampden Co. June 23. 1845. All matters not settled upon are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.
 Wm. B. Phelps, Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Springfield, within and for County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June, being the twenty fourth day, and from day to day to the twenty seventh day of said month, and by adjournment on the thirtieth day of August, and to the fourteenth day of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Present. Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman
 " Samuel Root Esq.
 " Austin Fuller, Esq. } County Commissioners.

W. Henry Colburn
 Editor for
 West in
 Springfield

At the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841 or at any subsequent meeting.

Respectfully shew the subscribers, that the public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, requires the alteration of the existing Highway from Daniel Smith's in West Springfield to Westville, in the location of a new highway from some point between the two crossings of the Highway over the Rail Road in Pinecutt Meadow, in West Springfield, to some point on the main road from West Springfield to Northampton, between the house of Benjamin Ashley and Perry Lane in said West Springfield. They therefore pray, that the Commissioners would view and locate such alterations in said existing highway, or view and locate such new Highway, and discontinue such parts of the existing highway, as such location may render unnecessary, as will more pray.

(Signed)

Russell King & others.

Dec. 28. 1841.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December A. D. 1841, and continued to the meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1844. At which meeting the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises upon which and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Russell King in Westfield, on Tuesday the thirtieth day of August next, at eight o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the

of said county, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West-
Springfield, in said county, thirty days at least before the said 15th
day of August and that all other persons and corporations interested
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Hampshire Post, a public newspaper printed
in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view;
and it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of
said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof,
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two
public places in the town of West Springfield, fourteen days
before said 15th day of August, and that notice be given in
writing aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested,
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will
be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.
Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October,
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,
and the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the fore-
going order, made his return as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. July 3. 1844. I served the Town Clerk
of West Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and
order thereon, by giving the same to him; and also posted
up in two public places in said town, an abstract contain-
ing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their
Report in writing, as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commission-
ers, of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Roswell King and others, then presented,
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that
the public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, re-
quires the alteration of the existing Highway from Daniel
Smiths in West Springfield to Gabberville, in the location of a
new Highway from some point between the two crossings
of the Highway, over the Rail Road in Puncatuck Meadows
in West Springfield to some point on the main road from
West Springfield to Northampton, between the house of Ben-
jamin Ashley and Ferry Lane, in said West Springfield,
they therefore pray, that the Commissioners view the same,
and make such alterations and locations as will be thought
proper and discontinue such existing Highways as such al-
terations make necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises

expedient, appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of August, then next and 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Russell King, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of August, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity required, that some alterations should be made, and submit their report accordingly.

Millis Phelps, }
 Samuel Root } commissioners of Hampshire Co.
 Austin Butler }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and the alterations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered by the commissioners, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners will meet at the dwellinghouse of Russell King in Westfield, on Wednesday the thirteenth day of November next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and the order thereon in the Hampshire Post, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said thirteenth day of November.

And it is further ordered, by the county commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of West Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said thirteenth day of November at which time the said

Commissioners will proceed to locate and establish said alterations, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and apportion such damages when their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said road.

Rich^d B. Clark, Clerk.

And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to the next meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit: Hampden Co. Oct. 10. 1844. I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield, by giving him an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, and I also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition. C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners, make them appear, in writing, as follows to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Rowell King and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience and necessity, in their opinion, require that alterations of the existing highway, from David Smith's in West Springfield to Cobbleville, or the location of a new Highway, from some point between the two crossings of the Highway over the Mark Road in Paucabuck Meadow, they therefore pray that the Commissioners view the same and make such alterations and locations as will be thought proper, and ascertain what existing highways as such alterations make necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Rowell King, in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the

petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for coming to said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of said August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that some alterations should be made, and after specifying the same, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirteenth day of November then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Russell King in said Westfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to lay out and establish said alterations. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested in claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, first publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof, on the said thirteenth day of November and by adjournment on the seventh day of May A. D. 1855 met and proceeded to lay out and establish said alterations as follows, viz.

Beginning at a stake standing on the North side of the old road; thence South $72\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 4 rods 15 links, to a stake in Enoch Smith's deer yard; thence N. $45\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 4 rods 16 links, to the center of a large Button ball tree, near the house of Enoch Smith; thence N. 32° E. 23 rods 23 links to a marked apple tree; thence N. 45° E. 10 rods 16 links, to a marked apple tree, on West side of said old road; thence N. 19° E. 8 rods to a stake; thence N. $46\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 14 rods to a stake, standing N. 51° W. 1 rod 3 links from the center of a large black oak tree, South of the dwelling house of Seth Smith. The points and distances above, describe the West side of the above piece of road; which is laid four rods wide.

The second alteration commences on the easterly side of the old road, near the brick dwelling house of Delight Phelps at a stake; thence north $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 48 rods to a stake; thence same course (N. $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E.) 56 R. 16 links, to a stake standing by a marked fence post; thence north 52° E. 46 rods 16 links, to a stake on the southerly side of the old road. The line on this second described described piece of road, is the right hand or easterly side of said road; the same being laid three rods wide.

The third alteration began at a stake, standing by a marked fence post, the southerly side of the old road; thence east 26 rods 7 links to a stake on the hill on land of Nathan Morgan; thence S. $87\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods to a stake; thence south 65° E. 15 rods 17 links to a stake standing by a fence post

on the easterly side of the old road, the line run was the right hand
limit, or southerly line of the road; the same is laid 4 rods wide.

The 2^d alteration began at a high gate post, opposite the house
of Mr. Lockett, and on the westerly side of Chicopee Street; thence
south 12¹/₂ East 115 rods 7 links, to a small maple tree, standing
on the westerly side of said Chicopee Street, and near the
house of Benjamin Ashley. The line run was the westerly
limit of the road laid, and the same is laid four rods wide.

After making said locations the Commissioners, agreeable
to action for that purpose heard all persons in matter of
damages, who desired to be heard and made their ap-
pearances of damages as follows, viz.

to Seth Smith, ninety dollars	\$ 90.
Mr. Delight Phelps One hundred and twenty five dollars	125.00
Balliett Alderman, forty dollars	40.
Levi Brooks, fifty dollars	50.
Asahel Morgan, fifty dollars	50.
James Ashley, thirty five dollars	35.
Bagg five dollars	5.
Benjamin Ashley, five dollars	5.

On the construction and making said road, the
Commissioners order, that the bulwark southerly of Brick
Smiths house, be lengthened 8 feet northerly; that the hill,
between the houses of Enock and Seth Smith, be graded
so it shall not exceed five degrees; the right hand or eas-
terly side of the road, as you rise said hill, there shall
be a ditch not less than four feet deep; the old road,
commencing 13 rods northeasterly of the house of Seth Smith,
shall be thoroughly turnpiked (in the most feasible place for
a road) as far southerly as the house of Delight Phelps;
the hill southerly of the Brick house of Levi Brooks, to
be graded according to a plan made by Mr. H. Butler for Mr.
Brooks, which plan is now in the possession of Mr. Brooks,
and the hill, when graded, is not to exceed the degrees
marked on said plan in any part thereof; the hollow,
near the public ground, in Chicopee Street, must be raised
above high water mark; the whole of said new road
as laid above, to be turnpiked eighteen feet wide; and all
to be completed on or before the first day of July A.D. 1846,
and to the acceptance of the Commissioners.

Cuttings of land are allowed until the first of
November next, for the removal of fences and hedges; there
shall be a sufficient number of good and substantial
cuttings built for the free passage of the water.

Willis Phelps }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }

White Horse being read and considered, is accepted, and the
locations said and established as and for a Common
Highway.

Spencer Flower's Petition for Road West Springfield

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:
The undersigned Inhabitants of West Springfield, respectfully represent, that heretofore, to wit, on the 9th of September 1862, they presented their petition to the Selectmen of said town, requesting them to view and lay out a Road, from near the house of James A. Palmer, in Harding Hills Parish, in said town, to near the house of Gordon White, on the Plains, but after viewing the route for said road, and further considering the petition, the said Selectmen unreasonably refused to lay out the Road prayed for. Wherefore, said petitioners are aggrieved, and present herewith the petition to the said Selectmen, together with a Report or protest against said road; and request that the same may be placed on file, with this petition, and further, that your Board would lay out said Road, as soon as may be; and also that you would, at the same time, discontinue the Deep Gutten Road, so called; and as in duty bound will ever pray.
Signed: Spencer Flower & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners at Springfield on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty three.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the House of Spencer Flower, in West Springfield, on Friday the 26th day of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of proceeding to view, according to the prayer of said petition, and after viewing, to hear all persons and corporations interested therein, and if the same shall be adjudged to be of common convenience and necessity, to proceed to locate the road prayed for. Provided no person interested, objects to the same, and after locating, to hear, at said place of meeting, all persons and corporations interested upon the subject of damages.

Also Ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested in said petition, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon, three days at least, and post up in two public places in said town of West Springfield, an abstract containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least, before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return hereof, with his doings, to Richard Bliss, the clerk of said Commissioners, at or before the time of said meeting.
By Order of the Commissioners.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, to wit:
Hamilton p. April 26th 1852 I saved the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition aforesaid and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said Town, an extract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report as follows to wit:

Hamilton p. May 26. 1852. The County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the petition of which the foregoing is a true copy, in manner and form as set forth in the return of the Sheriff of said County, hereon by him returned, and also by causing to be published a copy of said petition, together with the order of notice hereto annexed stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting of the Commissioners, in a Newspaper called the Hampden Post, printed and published weekly in said County, according to the provisions of the law in that behalf made and provided; and as required in said order of notice; met at the time and place mentioned in said order of notice, and having viewed the premises, and the route described in said petition; and also having heard all persons and corporations interested in the prayer of said petition, who desired to be heard; were of opinion that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted, and they do adjudicate in the premises, and submit their report accordingly.

Patrick Boice?

Cyrus Knox } County Commissioners
Debra Hyle }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the Court adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Spencer Howe, in West Springfield, on Friday the eleventh day of August, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, and discontinuing said last mentioned road, by publishing a copy of said adjudication and this order therein, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be published on or at least before the said eleventh day of August. And it is further ordered, by the County

Commissions, that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of West Springfield, with a copy of said adjudication and order, thirty days at least, and post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Road and discontinue said last mentioned road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. July 8th 1842. I served the town clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of the within adjudication and order of notice therein, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted copies thereof in two public places in said town.

W. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Horace Palmer in West Springfield, on Monday the twelfth day of August next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said first mentioned road and discontinuing said last mentioned road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of August. And it is further Ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy serve the town clerk of the town of West Springfield, with a copy of said petition, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of West Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said first mentioned road, and discontinue said last mentioned road, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said Road.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting of the Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return, as follows, to wit:

Springfield, July 3rd 1844. I send the town clerk of Springfield with an abstract copy of this petition, and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now, at this meeting, it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield, in said County, respectfully represent, that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, upon what is now commonly denominated Sanford Street, commencing on the east side of Main Street, opposite to this street; thence running easterly to the land of George Bliss, Esq. so as to connect the proposed Highway with Dwight Street; thence, southerly, to State Street. And the undersigned respectfully pray, that after due proceedings had in the premises, such Highway may be laid out between said termini, as public convenience requires.

(Signed)

C. Simons & others.

Springfield, June 26th 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. At which meeting, the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, it was ordered that said Commissioners meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House in Springfield, on Thursday the eighth day of August next, at nine o'clock, A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be sent by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 8th day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts, containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said 8th day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and

C. Simons & others
Petition for
laying out
Sanford Street
in Springfield

that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d. Bluff Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing Order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. July 6, 1844. I served the town clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up, in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four,

On the petition of C. Simons and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that common convenience and necessity require, that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield, upon what is now commonly denominated Sanford Street, Commencing on the east side of Main Street, opposite to Elm Street, thence running easterly to land of George Bluff, so as to connect the proposed route with Dwight Street; thence southerly to State street, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the eighth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published, three weeks successively, in the Hampden Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises

Long since the said Commissioners then determined to hear
the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the
parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge
upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the
same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that com-
mon convenience and necessity require that the whole, or a
part of the lands prayed for be located and established.

That there one of the County Commissioners, being interested as
an inhabitant of Springfield, being the town wherein said road
is located did not act with the Board in the proceedings of
locating said road, Abel Balkins, a special Commissioner of the
County being notified, attended and acted as one of the Board,
in the said case is provided. All of which is submitted, and
accepted.

Justin Theller, County Commissioners
Samuel Root, County Commissioners
Abel Balkins, Special Commissioner.

Which report being read and considered, was accepted, and the
whole in part of the Road, adjudged as of common convenience
and necessity.

At which meeting it was Ordered, that notice be given to
all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Com-
missioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on
Thursday the thirtieth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the
forenoon, for the purpose of locating said road, by publishing
an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the
Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said
county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of March.
And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff
of said county, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Spring-
field with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least,
and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two pub-
lic places in said town of Springfield, fourteen days at least before
the said 10th day of March, at which time the said Commissioners
will proceed to locate said road, and will hear all persons and
corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire
to be heard, and apportion such damages as their opinion may be
just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance
of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Feb 11th 1842. I served the town Clerk of
Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and order
of notice therein, by leaving the same at his Office; and
also posted up in two public places in said town, an ab-
stract of said petition, more than 14 days before the time
of said meeting.

to Hicc, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the County Commissioners make the report in writing as follows to wit.

Resolved for. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Harrison held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our first eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of C. Simons and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that for convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be laid out in said Springfield upon what is now commonly denominated Sanford's cut, commencing on the East side of Main Street, opposite of Elm Street; thence running easterly to land of Geo. Wells; thence southerly to State Street, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the eighth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in said Springfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, being the town within which said highway is proposed, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Hamilton Washingtonian, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been finished days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons, interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of August, the Commissioners assembled at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, in whole or in part; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of March then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said County, as the time and place when and where they would and proceed to lay out and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing the persons interested, on claims for damages in the same manner as the notice and pub-

...and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided
...proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition
...of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of March, and Benjamin
...of June then next, read and presented to lay out and
...Highway on said petition as follows, viz.

Beginning on the northerly side of State street at a stake on the
east side of Dwight street, and running on the east line of said
Dwight street, N. 13° W. three hundred and ten feet, nine inches, to a
stake in line with the north line of the north side walk in
Sanford street. Said Dwight street is laid fifty two feet wide.
Also Sanford street, so called, is laid and established as follows, viz.
Beginning at a stake at the northwest corner of Dwight street (from
the above survey) and bearing N. 78° 15' E. five feet ten inches from the un-
derpinning at the east corner of Wills P. Hodggets dwelling House, and run-
ning S. 46° 30' W. three hundred and sixty seven feet and five inches to
the south corner of S. Black's building at Market street; the same course
twenty eight feet nine inches to Green Simons' store; thence southerly on
said store, six feet to the east corner of the underpinning of said store;
thence S. 46° 30' W. ninety eight feet eight inches to the south corner of the
underpinning of Jackson Frost's store; thence same course, six feet to
the east line of Main street; thence down Main street 30 feet 8 inches,
to the southerly side of Sanford street; thence northeasterly, in a line
parallel with the north side of Sanford street, 6 feet 5 inches to D. C.
Brewer's store, at a point 26 feet northerly of the northwesterly corner of
the ground where the old store stood, belonging to the heirs of Justin
Sombard, deceased; thence in a parallel line with the north side of
Sanford street (as now laid) 98 feet 2 inches, to Market street; thence
27 1/2 feet across Market street to a point one foot, northeasterly of the
N.W. corner past in the east side Market street, 5 1/2 feet from the
West corner and in line with the S.W. side of James Stebbins' building;
thence at 49° 15' E. 73 feet 9 inches, to a point one inch northerly from
the east corner of James Stebbins' east building; thence same course
60 1/2 feet to the east side of Justice Searles' land; thence S. 42° 45' E.
5 feet 10 inches; thence N. 49° 15' E. 233 1/2 feet, to Dwight street, at
a stake 58 1/2 feet from the place of beginning, being the width of
the east end of said Sanford street.

After making said locations, the commissioners, agreeable to
notice for that purpose, heard all persons in doubt of damage, who
desired to be heard, and make their adjustments as follows.

To James Stebbins, fifty dollars

\$60.

Miles Phelps, one of the County Commissioners, being interested
as an inhabitant of the town of Springfield, in which said road
was situated, did not sit with the Board in the proceedings, in
viewing and laying out said road, and Abel Cutler, one of the
Special Commissioners, acted in viewing, and Walter C. Deise, one
of the Special Commissioners, acted in laying out said road, as in
such cases is provided.

In the construction of said road, the commissioners order,
that the whole of said road easterly of Market street, be con-

paved, after leaving six feet each side of the road for a side walk, making of said street; the road to be worked as the Highway surveyor, having charge of the same shall think proper; there shall also be constructed a good and sufficient drain, for the purpose of conveying the water from said street into the large conduit leading to the river. All shall be completed on or before the first day of June, A. D. 1846, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners. James Robbins is allowed the privilege of letting his shops on said street, remain, until his east building on said street shall be removed, or enlarged.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
 Samuel Root }
 Nelson E. Davis, Special Commr.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the Road laid out and Established, as a common Public Highway—

A. Weld & Co.
 for the town of
 Holland.

Petition to the County Commissioners from Union line in the State of Connecticut, to a Poplar tree, where the same intersects the old road in Holland, and that the same is not needed for public convenience. We therefore for a new road from your Honor to discontinue the same, and lay a road from Union line, to intersect the old road, nigh the west house of Lawrence May, and make such alterations in the old road from thence to the Poplar tree aforesaid, as your Hon. deem necessary for the public good.

A. B. The above specified road, which we pray for discontinuance, was laid by the County Commissioners for Stamford, at their meeting in December, 1842. We pray your Hon. to view the premises, and grant our request, as the same will greatly accommodate the public travel, and save a large bill of expense in the construction of the road.

Holland, September 28th 1844

Willard Weld }
 Ezra Allen } Committee
 Ireland Wells }

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-four. At which meeting it was ordered, the Commissioners deeming view of the premises expedient and proper, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of W. Downing, in Holland on Tuesday the fifth day of November next, at nine o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said county or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holland in said county, thirty days, at least, before the said fifth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of

and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a pub-
lication printed in said county, three weeks successively the last
fortnight to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.
And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said
petition and abstract containing the substance thereof, and this order
be posted up by the said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in
the town of Holland, fourteen days before the said fifth day of No-
vember, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all
persons and corporations interested, that the County Commission-
ers are in view of the premises expedient and proper, and
that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time
and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Phipps, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to the meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance
of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, to wit:

Holland, Oct. 5. 1844. I served the town clerk of
Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon,
by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted
up in two public places in said town, more than fourteen
days before the time of said meeting, an abstract contain-
ing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At a like meeting, the County Commissioners make
their report in writing, as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commission-
ers of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
county, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our
Lord, eighteen hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Willard Wild and others, then pre-
sented, to the Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a Road laid
from Union line northwesterly to Poplar tree, where the same intersects the
old road, that the same is not needed; they therefore pray that
the same may be discontinued, and a new road laid from Union
line to intersect the old Road near the west House of Grove-
new Mill, and make such alteration in the old road as the
Commissioners shall deem necessary, as by said petition in full
will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the
premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the fifth day of November
then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E.
Hinney in Holland as the time and place for viewing the prem-
ises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
clerk of the town of Holland, being the town within which said
Highways are situated, thirty days at least before the time appointed
for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, contain-
ing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in
said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by
causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper pub-

lished in said county, said posting and the last publication of said act, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 5th day of November, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, and submit their report accordingly.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Heller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted; and the prayer of the petitioners refused.

W^m Chapin

Petition for a
jury to appraise

damages occasioned

by the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located

their road over the land of said petitioner, as is particularly stated

in the petition of said Corporation, dated the 26th day of October

A. D. 1844, now on the files of said commissioners, and that answer

to said petition, said commissioners have proceeded to estimate

the damages occasioned to him by said location, the Report of

which has been thus duly returned and accepted: and now the

said William Chapin, feeling himself aggrieved by the action

of said commissioners in their estimate of damages, asks that

a jury may be summoned, to appraise the damages occasioned

by the location aforesaid, according to the provisions of law

Springfield, Dec. 24, 1844.

William Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Com-

missioners held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December

in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four. At said

meeting it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a warrant

in the premises be issued to the Sheriff of said county, for the sum

justly payable for in said petition. Which Warrant is in the words

following to wit.

Shamuel J. Chapin

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Samuel in said county, preferred his petition to the County Commission
praying that on the petition of The Northampton and Springfield
Rail Road Corporation paying for the expense of the damages caused
by the location of their Rail Road over and across
the said Chapin, in said Springfield, and such proceedings
being had thereon that the damages were assessed by said County
Commission and the return thereof duly made and accepted at a
meeting held on the said fourth Tuesday of December, A. D. 1874, at
the place aforesaid, which said Rail Road is laid over the lands of
said William Chapin, as follows to wit: Beginning northwesterly on

land of Hobart, at a point two and a half rods east of the
centre line of said Rail Road, and running southerly parallel
with the centre line of said rail road, about six hundred eighty
eight feet, to land of Norman Chapin, at a point two and a half
rods east of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles
therewith; thence westerly to Chicopee street; thence northwesterly by
Chicopee street, to a point two and a half rods west of the centre
line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northwesterly
parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, about three
hundred eighty two feet, to land of said Hobart; to a point two
and a half rods west of the centre line of said Rail Road, at
right angles therewith; thence easterly of land of said Hobart
to the place of beginning, containing one acre and forty eight and
a half rods of land. Also, one other piece of land, lying on
the Island so called, bounded and described as follows. Begin-
ning southerly on land of Seth Whiting, at a point thirty one
feet east of the centre line of said Rail Road, and running
north 40° East, about four hundred eighteen feet, by land of said
Whiting, to a point fifty feet west of the centre line of said
Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel
with said centre line of said Rail Road, about four hundred
fifty two feet to land of said Whiting, to a point fifty four feet
west of said centre line of said Rail Road; thence north
77° 40' East, to the place of beginning, containing sixty three and
7/10 rods of land, and praying that a jury may be added to recon-
sider and award the damages therein.

And whereas, at said meeting first before mentioned the pe-
titioner having caused a sufficient recognizance to be given,
agreeably to the provisions of law, it was by said commis-
sioners ordered and directed that the Sheriff of said county
summon a jury of twelve men to hear and determine the matters of
complaint set forth in his petition for such jury and to decide all such
matters as should legally come before them on said hearing.

And you the undersigned in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachu-
setts hereby request forthwith to summon a jury of twelve men for
the purposes aforesaid, agreeably to the provisions of law in such
case made and provided. And to this end, you are to require
the selection of twelve bona fide persons
not interested in the matter to return a verdict of damages.

not less than two nor more than six, from any one town, unless in case of necessity. And if by reason of challenges or otherwise there shall not be a full size of the jurors summoned you are to return some suitable persons to supply the deficiency, which said jurors are to be sworn to make a just and true apprehension of the tawngles sustained by the Complainant and said and truly to try all such other matters as shall be lawfully submitted to them under the said writ or Statute, and to give a true verdict therein according to the law and the evidence given them.

And you the said Sheriff are appointed to preside at said trial, and to decide all questions of law arising therein, which would be proper for the decision of a Judge, but you are to consult the Jury upon any question of fact which is raised by either party, and to certify the substance of such your decision or decision, to the Court of Common Pleas, at the request of either party. You are to give reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting to the parties concerned, the county not requiring any notice.

The said Jury are to be summoned and give their verdict three weeks within three months next after the twenty sixth day of December last, and the verdict so given is to be returned to the next term of the Court of Common Pleas, to be held in and for said County of Hampshire, that said Court may adjudge thereupon, according to the provisions of law. And you are to certify to the Court your own name and attendance and that of each juror.

Witness Myself Thos. Phelps, Justice, Chairman of the County Commissioners at Springfield this fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

Pursuant to the Warrant I made application to the Selectmen of the towns of Longmeadow, Springfield, and West Springfield, three times in said county, requesting them to return from the jury list, the names of twelve good and lawful men for each of said towns, to serve as the Jury herein ordered and the said Selectmen make due return of such applications as follows, to wit, from Longmeadow, Frederick H. Leonard, Lucius C. Bond and Charles H. Henshaw; from Springfield, Henry Bartlett, Theodore Milburn, Henry Collins, Moses Chapin, and John R. Kiser; from West Springfield, Samuel Donnell, Jason Clark, Josiah Johnson and Henry Bartlett, were returned, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said towns, herewith presented. I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors to be summoned to appear before me, on the thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1845, at 9 o'clock A. M. at the Court House in the Village of Northampton, Springfield, by giving them at least one days previous notice, in writing. I notified the said Jurors concerned, to wit the petitioners within name and the respondents of the time and place of appearing said jury. And on the said thirtieth day of May, A. D. 1845, I proceeded to impanel said Jurors, except John A. Milson, who was absent, who was duly sworn as above certified by me, and after said jury had chosen a foreman by ballot, and duly heard the parties

...to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and sealed
the petition in the premises, which is herewith returned to Court.
Calib Rice, Sheriff.

At a Court held at N. H. 1845, then personally appeared Phineas
Cadwell, M. Buchanan, Lucius L. Hunt, Hiram Calkins,
John Clark, Henry Collins, Eustace Hemen, Josiah
Hemen, Joseph Smith, and Theodore Williams, James sum-
moned in the foregoing case and made return that they
have faithfully and impartially estimated the damages to
said William occasioned by the laying out the Southampton and
Springfield Rail Road as mentioned herein, and that they
make a just and true appraisement of all damages and
losses by all such other matters as should be lawfully
incurred by them touching the premises, and give in true and
correct return to the Court and the evidence given them.

Phineas Cadwell, Sheriff of said County of Hampshire
do hereby report, that the Jury, in this case may con-
sidered as having been, in consequence of the absence of one
William Chapin, by Geo. Ashmun, Atty.

And do further report, By G. R. Henshaw Sen
that the business was continued from meeting to meeting
of the County Commissioners. And were the said
Jury when the verdict was coming as follows to wit:

In the matter of the petition of William Chapin against the
Southampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, the Jury find
the only right of way existing across the land of said Chapin
is and is to be used for the private use of the indi-
vidual owners lands eastward of the line of the Rail Road.

In the matter of damages, the Jury further find, that the
said Chapin recover of said Corporation the sum of Two thousand
five hundred and forty dollars, for the damages occasioned to
him by the location of said Rail Road.

Phineas Cadwell, Treasurer.
That said William returned to the Court Common Pleas, holden
in said County of Hampshire, on the second Monday of June in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five,
and having been examined and adjured to answer, it was ordered
by the Court that said verdict be set aside; and the same is ordered
to be entered to the County Commissioners for said County of Hampshire
for the further action and proceedings thereon, according to law.
That said William having been returned to the County Commissioners
at this meeting, it is adjudged by the County Commissioners, that a
warrant for jury on the premises be ordered; which warrant was dated the
eighth day of July A. D. 1845, at the adjourned meeting. And
now it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that this petition
be dismissed.

The votes for County Treasurer having been sorted and counted, Votes for
it appears that the whole number of votes were twenty four County Treas.
Jury.

hundred and twenty nine, no pay for a choir, twelve hundred and fifteen. William Rice, lost twenty four hundred and twenty, and is declared by the County Commissioners chosen for the year ending, and to appear and is sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, and give bond to the acceptance of the said Commissioners.

County accounts against the County, amounting to the sum of fifteen hundred and ten dollars and thirty cents, being now presented to the County Commissioners, are by them allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

The following accounts were presented, examined and allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the Treasury of the County, viz.

To Ralph Bay, Undertaker of the Commonwealths Jail for support of prisoners therein from the 1st day of December to the 1st day of May, 1845. } 227.50

" Master of the House of Correction, for support of prisoners therein, from the first day of December 1844, to the first day of May, 1845. } 1142.50

" Thomas Smith, for Surveying & Report, 1 day 3.00

" William W. Butler, surveying, &c. & Surveyor's Map 5.25

" J. B. Canfield, advertising Petitions &c. 7.67

" Jm. Wood Brick, mortar & labor 9.17

" B. F. Brown, binding Record books, alphabets &c. Probate and Clerk's Office 27.25

" J. Webster, Prints, Cuts, &c. for County House 33.79

" Th. L. Vail, for medical attendance, &c. at County House from July 1st 1844, to July 1st 1845. } 15.00

" Annals Persons, for attending Probate Court, allowing Court House, Letter &c. } 145.00

" R. Bliss, &c. Surveying accounts &c. &c. 17.42

" G. Rice, Sheriff, serving orders of Notice, &c. &c. 39.67

" A. C. Wood, Jan. in labor - 1845. } 1588.50

Ordered, That warrants be stored on the County Treasury, in favor of the persons herein named, in full for damages allowed them in the location of Highways amounting to Two Hundred and thirty seven dollars, viz.

To Shudence Rosebrook, Salutation of Moses & Sepheral 56.00

" Susan Shaw, Simon Bradley 160.00

" Rufus Atkins 146.00

" Josiah Conant 10.00

" Wm. C. Skinner 15.00

" Samuel Walbridge 32.00

" Cotton Springs 15.00

" William W. King 5.00

" Ebenezer Barber, Ab. Pease 2.00

" James W. Woodstock, Samuel Pease 20.00

\$427.00

London 13. 1843. is ordered as in substance at the House upon the
petition of the owners of the bridge in Northampton, without authority to sell any interest
in the same.

Resolved August 14. 1843. all matters not acted upon
at the last meeting be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without
delay.

Attest

Rich^d 1843. W. L.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolved At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and
held at the first within and for the County of Hampden, on the
first Tuesday of October, being the seventh day, and from day to day
to the said day, and by adjournment on the sixteenth day of said
month and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of November to the
fifteenth day of said November, in the Year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Attest. Willis Phelps, Esq. Chairman

Samuel Root Esq. County Commissioners
Austin Fuller Esq.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
The subscribers respectfully represent, that a small alteration in
the location of the Road recently made by your board in
the South part of Holland, near the house of Remond Wallis,
commencing at or near where the present location crosses
the division line, between Ichabod Woodwards land and
said Remond Wallis' land; thence running southerly, passing
between said Wallis' house and barn and intersect the pre-
sent location little south of the house of widow Rosebrock;
would improve the location, by straightening, and by being
made at less expense, and cause less damage to land
owners. They therefore pray, that you would view, as
soon as your convenience will permit, and make such
alterations as you shall see fit. Dated, Holland, Novem-
ber 14. 1843. Eleazer Hibber & others.

E. Hibber & others
Petition for
alteration of
road in Hol-
land.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty three, and continued from meeting to meeting to

the meeting holden on the second Tuesday of April, A. D. 1845. At which meeting the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises sufficient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of John Henry in Holland, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of May, at ten o'clock, A. M. and it is ordered, by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holland, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirteenth day of May, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said day of May. And it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts, containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by the Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Holland, fourteen days before the said thirteenth day of May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises sufficient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Richd. Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition is continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, to wit,

Hampden Co. April 12, 1845. I served the town clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of the petition and order.

C. Bliss Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows, to wit,

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the Petition of Charles Webster's attorney then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a small addition in the location of the road recently laid in the southerly part of Holland, near the house of Richard Bates, commencing at a point where the present location crosses the division line between Abraham's land and said Richard Bates' land, the petitioners therefore pray that the Commissioners may view the premises and make such alterations as they shall see fit, as by said ^{petition} will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises sufficient and proper, appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of May, then next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E. Henry in said Holland, as the time and place for viewing the premises.

A copy of said petition to be sent upon the Clerk of the town
of Holliston, the town within which said alteration is prayed for,
and also upon the town appointed for said view, and also
upon the several persons interested therein, containing the substance thereof
in the public places in said town, and also a notice
to be published there and successively in the Spring-
field Herald, a newspaper published in said county, said
notice the last publication of said copy having been four-
teen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and
that said notice was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like
manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all
persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said
view, and on the said tenth day of May the Commissioners
at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the
premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then
advised to have the parties at the same time of said view,
and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded
to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and
upon consideration the same, said Commissioners did then and there
adjudge that by reason of convenience and necessity require, that
the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Willis Phelps,

Samuel Root, County Commissioners.

Amos Fuller.

The report being read and considered, was accepted, and
the location adopted of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all
persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commission-
ers will meet at the Court House in Springfield, the eighth day
of October next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of
viewing upon the location of said alteration, by publishing an ab-
stract of said petition and the order thereon, in the Springfield
Herald, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks
in advance, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the said eighth day of October. And it is further or-
dered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said
County, or his Deputy, cause the clerk of the town of Holliston
with a copy of said petition and the order thereon, to be posted
and put up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in the
public places in said town of Holliston, fourteen days at least
before the said 8th day of October, at which time the said Com-
missioners will proceed to establish said alteration, and will
hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may
then and there desire to be heard, and if such damages
as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the
location of said road.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, has taken as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. Sept. 1. 1848. I served the town clerk of Holland with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in several places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof.

L. Allen, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their report in due form as follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the Petition of Eleanor Wilber & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that a small alteration in the location of the road recently laid in the southerly part of Holland, near the house of Renaldo Waller, would improve the location by straightening, and might be made at less expense and cause less damage to land owners, they therefore pray that a view may be had, and such alteration made as shall be thought proper as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of May then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Mr. Henry on said Holland as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holland, being the town within which ^{said} alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all ^{persons} interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said printing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof ~~consideration thereof~~ was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting, the notice was heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the eighth day of October then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in said County

and place when and where they would meet and pro-
ceed to the same attention, and the said Commissioners having given
notice of the adjournment and the time and place appointed for
the same in the matter of damage, in the same manner as
before, and publication was given and made and as before
and was made and provided, before proceeding to execute
the subject of said petition, instead of to copy therefrom
on the 17th day of October, said one proceeded to lay out and
establish said petition, as follows, viz.

Commencing at a stake and stones, at the south end of said
road, on the west line of a previous survey, thence N. 16 1/2° E. 38
rods to a stake and stones, 1 rod and 9 links westerly of the west
Pine Tree, standing near the house of Eleazer Webber; thence N.
28 1/2° E. 11 rods to the east side of an apple tree; thence N. 28 1/2° E. 11
rods and 10 links to the east side of a large apple tree marked;
thence N. 45 1/2° E. 24 rods and 5 links to a white oak tree marked;
thence N. 46 1/2° E. 10 rods and 18 links to a Chestnut tree marked;
intersecting the west line of a former survey. The above road
is laid three rods wide, except the second (of 11 rods) which
is laid two rods wide. The above survey is the west line of said road.

Willis Phelps

Austin Miller } County Commissioners

Jehiel Root }

Which report being read and considered, is accepted, and the altera-
tion established as well for a public high way.

To the Commissioners of the County of Hampshire

J. T. Tremain

Thereto, sheweth Isaac Tremain, Son of Westfield in said County, that Petition for a
damages to wit, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1842, he presented to the
County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire a petition setting
forth that certain water privileges of the said one, in said Westfield, signed by the
on the Westfield River near the Outlet, the same being particularly location of the
described in the Deed of Horace Noble to him, recorded on the registry Free Haven and
of Deeds Lib. 169. fol. 124, had been injuriously affected, for a long Northampton
time to wit, for three years, by the construction of the canal of the New-Canal
Haven and Northampton Company, and requesting, that as he had
never collected any claim for damages, three disinterested and
discreet freeholders might be appointed by them to assess the dam-
ages sustained by your petitioner; and that upon and in reference
to said petition such proceedings were had that a Warrant was du-
ly issued to James Foster, Thomas Conkley, and Patrick Boyd, Esq.
to assess the damages sustained by said petitioner, agreeably to the
form of the several Statutes in such case made and provided;
Upon which Warrant the said Foster, Conkley and Boyd proceeded,
to wit, on 17th day of December last past, to wit, when the subject
matter of said petition, the said corporation being present, by
Charles C. Foster, their attorney, and made report of their proceed-
ings to the said Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
at their meeting at Northampton in said County on the first
Tuesday of March last. And whereas the said one Isaac Tremain

grieved at the death of said Peter Conkey and does not feel satisfied with their estimate he hereby makes application to your Honorable body for a jury to hear and finally determine upon the amount of damages sustained by your petitioner, according to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided. A copy of said Commission is in the County of Hampshire, and is referred to as part of this petition.

(Signed)

Geo. Simmons, Sen

By Wm G Bates, Attorney

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County of Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting the following order was ordered by the Commissioners, to wit:

And now upon the foregoing petition it is ordered, by the County Commissioners, that notice be given to the said New Haven and Northampton Company, by serving them with an attested copy of this petition, and the order thereon, thirty days at least before the next meeting of said Commissioners to be held at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampshire on the fourth Tuesday of June next, that they may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Attest.

Richd. Bliff, Clerk.

Hampden Co. May 9, 1845. I have given notice to the New Haven and Northampton Company as above directed by giving an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, to Henry Adams Esq the attorney of said Company, within my precinct.

C. Rice, Sheriff

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And now it is considered and ordered, by the Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed.

A Hyde & al
Petition for estab-
lishing a Town
way in Monson.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire The undersigned, Inhabitants of Monson, in said County, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road, commencing near the house of Timothy H. Brown, in said Monson, and passing easterly and passing south of the new Factory, and intersecting the old Turnpike, so called, south of Jacob Thompsons house. But we heretofore petitioned the Selectmen of said town, who laid said road but the Town refused to accept the same. We, therefore, relying on your Honors for justice in our case respectfully request you to proceed to establish said road, as the law and your wisdom shall dictate.

Monson June 17, 1845.

(Signed)

William Hyde & others.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

the County Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises and to give notice that they will meet for the purpose at the dwelling house of Jonas Torcrop in Monson on the fifth day of August next, at ten o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be laid on the Sheriff of said county or his deputy, upon the clerk of said town of Monson in said county thirty days, at least, before the fifth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and the order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before said fifth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that notice of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Sledge, Clerk.

And the petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners. And the Sheriff of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Monson p. July 14, 1850. I served the Town Clerk of Monson with an executed copy of this petition and order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

W. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows to wit.

Monson p. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said county on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty five.

On the petition of Tertius Hyde & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road, commencing near the house of J. H. Brown, in said town, and running easterly, and passing south of the new factory, and intersecting the old Turnpike (so called) south of said Thompson's house, as by said petition, on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient and proper, do hereby order that they will meet on Tuesday the fifth day of August then next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Jonas Torcrop in said town, at the time and place for viewing the premises, and cause a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Monson, being the town within which such rights are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition,

containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties, at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that a Highway should be established, according to the prayer of the petitioners. We therefore do approve of the Highway (as laid on said petition) by the Selectmen of said town. We do therefore order the clerk of said town to make a record of the same, as laid by said Selectmen, together with the acceptance of the same.

Austin Fuller, one of the County Commissioners, being instructed as an inhabitant of said town, did not act with the Board in establishing said Highway. Abel Watkins, being notified, appeared and acted with the Board, as is provided in such case.

Willie Phelps }
Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
Abel Watkins } Special Commissioner

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the same is ordered to be established as a public Highway: And the town clerk of said town ordered to record the same.

J. P. Colchester
for Hampden &

Buckham Turnpike

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As the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire
Respectfully represents the Directors of the Hampden and Buckham Turnpike, that the Corporation desire the removal of their Gate in Blandford, which has heretofore been located at a place owned by Barzilla Waterman, and that public convenience requires that said Gate be removed about twenty rods east, on said Turnpike to the house of James S. Hamilton in said Blandford. They therefore pray, that your Hon. Board will give notice of this application; view the premises, if necessary, or appoint a Committee to make such view, and make what they think said Gate may be removed, and as an duly bound will sign
Blandford June 11 1898

John Colchester

for the Directors.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety

At which meeting, upon the foregoing petition, the County Com-
missioners deeming it wise of the premises expedient, gave notice
that they had appointed Walden E. Davis, Justin Wilson and Tho-
mas D. Chaffee, a committee, who will meet, for the purpose of
viewing the house of Thomas D. Chaffee, in said Stamford, on
Monday the twenty first day of July next. And it is ordered, that no
person or persons interested in said petition be notified by pub-
licizing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in
any newspaper printed in said County, for
more than at least, before the next regular meeting of said Com-
missioners to be held at Springfield in said County, on the first
Tuesday of October next, that they may appear at said meeting on
said first Tuesday of October and then and there be heard on the
subject matter of said petition.

Rich^d B. Phelps Clerk.

The said petition was continued to this meeting. And now the
County Commissioners, make their Report in writing as follows, to wit:
At a meeting of the County Commissioners of
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on
the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
and forty four.

That the petitioners of The Directors of the Stamford and Berkshire
Turnpike Corporation, then presented to said Commissioners expressing
and setting forth that said Corporation desire the removal of their
Turnpike Gate, in Stamford, which has heretofore been located at a
place owned by Bassilla Underwood, and that public convenience
requires that said Gate be removed about seventy rods east on
said Turnpike, to the house of James S. Hamilton in said Stamford,
as by said petition on file with appear. The Commissioners appointed Walden
E. Davis, Justin Wilson and T. D. Chaffee, a committee to view the premises
and to make a report at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners,
said Committee having reported in favor of said petitioners as per Re-
port annexed, will appear. The Commissioners do order that the prayer
of the petitioners be granted, and that the Gate be removed as prayed
for in said petition.

Willis Phelps

Samuel Teet

Justin Fuller

At which meeting the committee of record, made their report in
writing, as follows, to wit:

Walden E. Davis
Justin Wilson
Thomas D. Chaffee
County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The committee appointed by Joint Hon Board to take into
consideration the expediency of removing the Turnpike Gate in Stamford,
about seventy rods east of its present location as prayed for by John
H. Collette in behalf of the Corporation, have attended to that duty,
and respectfully present the annexed report.

According to previous notice given committee met on the 21st
day of July, and after a careful view of the premises, came to
the conclusion that the public would not be inconvenienced by the
proposed change of location. We would therefore recommend

That the prayer of the petitioners be favorably considered and granted by your Honorable Board.

Hudson C. Boice

Thomas D. Chaffee

Justin Wilson

Committee.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the time of the Sale established as prayed for.

Northampton
Springfield

R. H. Cooper.

Petitioners of
of Dum. or land
of New of John
M. Henry.

To the Hon. the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.

The petitioners of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation respectfully represent, that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across the land of the heirs of late Rev. John M. Henry, deceased, of Springfield in the County of Hampden, which land is situated in the Town of Springfield in said County of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows: viz. Beginning northerly on land late of Otis Skield, at a point two and a half rods East of the centre line of location of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre, to land of late Austin Chapin, at a point two and a half rods East of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Westerly by land of said Chapin, to a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road, to land late of Otis Skield, at a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Easterly by land of said Otis Skield to the place of beginning, containing about one hundred twenty one rods of land. Also one other piece of land, upon which said Corporation have located their Rail Road, situated in Springfield aforesaid, bounded as follows. Beginning northerly on a road leading from Chicopee street, at a point twenty four feet East of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly one hundred and eighty seven feet, to a point two and a half rods East of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to land of Sidi Hedman, at a point two and a half rods East of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Westerly by land of said Hedmans, to a point two and a half rods Westerly of said centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith, and thence northerly parallel with said centre line of said Rail Road to the above road leading from Chicopee street, to a point two and a half rods West of the centre line of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence Easterly by said road to the place of beginning containing one acre and one third of an acre of land. The said Corporation are to make and maintain a good fence on the East and West side of said lots, and a capping, if necessary on each lot; that your petitioners

have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof. They therefore pray the county Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the damages, if any sustained by the said heirs thereby according to law.

Weld at Springfield, this 11th day of June, 1845.

Moses Bliss
acting as agent for said Corporation.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. June 12th 1845.

The within Petition, being this day presented to the subscribers, Commissioners of the County Commissioners for said County. It is ordered, that the County Commissioners meet at the Court House in Cateville, on Monday the 18th day of June inst. at 8 o'clock A.M. there and there to sit in said session. And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the said heirs, by serving them or their agent with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof and this order thereon, previous to the time of said meeting. And trustees Hopkins as promisor and John Child as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs on account of said petition.

Wells Phelps, Chairman.

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows to wit,

Hampden Co. June 28th 1845. The County Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to George Clinton agent of the heirs of the late John M. Hendry, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving him with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said abstract herewith annexed, made at the Court House this day, at 3 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time and place mentioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said heirs, described in said petition, as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and after viewing the same, we do appraise the damage which the said heirs will suffer, by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Three Hundred Twenty nine ¹¹/₁₀₀ Cents, all which is submitted.

Wells Phelps?

Samuel Root County Commissioners.

Austin Fuller?

Which report being read and considered, is accepted.

Hampden Co. To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, at a meeting on the thirteenth day of August A.D. 1845. James Robbins, of Springfield, in said County Esq. represents that the said county Commissioners, on the petition of C. Simons, and others have located a road from Main Street, to State Street, upon and over the lands of the said James and others, as is particularly described in their report, now on the files of the said Commissioners, and that on said petition, the said Commissioners have

Robbins
Petition for a
Jury to assess
damages
Street & app
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proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned to said James, by said road, the report upon which has been returned and accepted. And the said James Stebbins, feeling himself aggrieved, by the doings of the Commissioners, in the laying and establishing said road upon and over the said James, and by the estimate of the damages to said James, do hereby petition that a jury may be summoned to alter and discontinue much of said road as is laid and established upon and over the land of the said James, and to apportion the damages occasioned by the laying and establishing of said road, upon and over the land of the said James, according to the provisions of law.

James Stebbins

August 15th 1845.

This petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, A. D. 1845, and continued to this meeting. And now, it is considered and ordered, by the County Commissioners, that this petition be dismissed, without costs.

W. Howe.

Petition for
jury to appraise
damages
on Northampton
Street.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden:
The petition of William Howe of Springfield, in said county, respectfully represents. That he is aggrieved by the doings of the Commissioners in the location of a road, and the estimation of the damages for lands taken for said road in the extension of Northampton Street, to Amory Street in said Springfield, over land of your petitioner, and others, which road was laid, established and accepted at the last April meeting of your Board, on the petition of Mr. B. Buckland and others. That the damages apportioned and allowed for his land so taken are inadequate and the course of the road altogether wrong. Therefore he is aggrieved, and requests a warrant to issue in due form for a jury, unless a compromise can be agreed upon according to the provisions of law in that behalf, for a new estimation of the damages, and the alteration of said road between the termini named in the original petition of said Buckland.

William Howe.

By his attorney Francis Cummings

Springfield, Sept. 1. 1845.

This petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners. And now it is considered and ordered, by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

J. Bayly, etc.

Petition for a
jury to appraise
damages in

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden.
Respectfully represent the undersigned, that they are aggrieved at the estimate of damages made by the Commissioners, sustained by your petitioners in consequence of the location of a certain road or alterations of a road in West Springfield on the petition of Roswell King and others, across the land of your petitioners. Therefore they pray for a jury or a committee to estimate said damages. Nov. 14. 1845.

Justin Bayly.

Charles Ashley.

William Ashley.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting of the County Commissioners. And now by agreement of the parties, the Commissioners assess to William Ashley, in the sum of Fifteen Dollars. And to assess they assess the sum of Fifteen Dollars, no additional damages, and to assess Ashley then assess the sum of Fifteen Dollars. The claim is a long one, a committee, being waived.

William C. Spelman, of Wilbraham, is appointed Master of the House of Correction in said County of Hampshire in the place of Daniel Long, to take effect on the 12th day of November 1845.

Master of House of Correction
Hampshire.

John B. Nickham is appointed one of the Overseers of the House of Correction, in place of Elijah Blake, removed.

Overseers
H. of Cor.

Resolved, Nov^r 12th 1845

Whereas our immediate predecessors in Office, on Decree of the authority given County Commissioners by the Legislature, have now almost entirely finished a House of Correction, for the County, on the site of the former Jail; and whereas we are our immediate predecessors, as one of their official acts, did not and appropriated said building long before it was completed to be used as a Jail and House of Correction, as by a report of the County Commissioners to be made it appears, and whereas also a statement of the same has demonstrated the great inconvenience of having a Jail and House of Correction in a Jail and House of Correction, leading to collision of authority between the Board and the Sheriff of the County; Be it therefore, and it is hereby ordered, that we, the Commissioners for the County of Hampshire, that a portion of said House of Correction, to wit, the upper part or story, together with the rooms with proper windows, in the County House, to be used as a Jail for said County and that all of the remaining portion of said building which has been formerly used as a Jail and as a House of Correction, and used solely and exclusively as a House of Correction, as further to be used and directed, by us, the said Commissioners, that all records inconsistent with the above, are hereby rescinded and of no effect.

Witness Our Hands }
Austin Heller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Reed }

John H. Annable is licensed as an Auctioneer in the three story building corner of Niles and East Broad Streets, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Auctioneer

County accounts against the County, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred and seventy two Dollars and thirty five cents, being now presented to the County Commissioners, and by them acknowledged, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasurer, viz.

To Cash Rice, Sheriff, Serving writs of notice }
on petitioners. }

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To Jehiel Abbott, Coroner, Inquest upon the body
of Thaddeus Weston, September 9th 1845.

Jurors.	Charles H. Bingham	3.00
"	Enoch Doan	1.61
"	Williams Fowler	1.61
"	Elis. L. Moore	1.21
"	Levi W. Humphrey	1.61
"	Lucretia Shortliff	1.61
Witnesses.	L. B. Woodgett	1.61
"	Joe H. Lockwell	.74
"	E. J. Granger	.74
"	Alfred White	.74
"	Joseph White	.58
"	Abiel Rising	.58
"	Henry Phalen	.74
Constable,	John Smith	.74
		5.12

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquest upon the body
of Agnes Maria Burt, October 19th 1845.

Jurors.	James W. Crocker, Foreman	3.32
"	Charles B. Chappell	2.21
"	Calvin Shuttlech	2.21
"	Wm. C. Blough	2.21
"	Isabel Blough	1.37
"	Harriet Blough	1.37
"	Harriet Blough	1.37
Witnesses.	John A. Wilbur	.96
"	William C. Billings	1.14
"	Leuben Burt	.51
"	Reuben Burt, Jun	.56
"	Bathsheba Burt	.50
"	Amey M. Waterman	.53
"	Mariah Johnson	.53
"	Samuel Blough	.53
Constable.	L. W. Harrison	2.74

To William W. Billings M.D. Examining the body
before the Inquest

"	John H. Nebbet M.D. for same	6.00
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To Jehiel Abbott Coroner, Inquest upon the body
of Philip Hardy, July 28th 1845.

Jurors.	W. F. Leonard	3.00
"	William Blair	2.50
"	Samuel Doan	2.50
"	William Herbert Jun	2.50
"	Joseph M. Ely	2.00
"	Alison Harrison	2.50
Witnesses.	James Holland	.50
"	John Avery	.50
"	J. M. Sawyer	.50
"	Philip Simpson	.50

Sheriff - J. W. Gorham

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To Henry Chapin, coroner, Inquisition upon the body
of Albert R. S. July 24th 1845

Juries -	W. H. Harrison	2.20
"	Abner B. Chappell	1.20
"	Orin Hayes	1.20
"	Oliver H. Hayes	1.20
"	Henry Brown	1.20
"	Oliver Parker	1.20
Witnesses -	E. Bly	1.20
"	Harvey Butler	.60
"	Bartholomew Bellings	.58
"	Tim E. Lunklee	.66
"	David Ufford	.58
Constable John L. Skinner		.70
Barrent Fee for notifying the coroner		1.50
		1.10

To Henry Chapin, coroner, Inquiring the body
of Thomas W. Cumick, without a jury. Aug¹ 2nd 1845. 3.16.

To John Abbott, coroner, Inquiring and making a post mortem
examination of the body of Bethel Henry of Southwick
suspected of having been poisoned in May last. 3.00

To Peckham, Amos, Leather Bed, bedstead & bedding	12.00
" " " " " " " " " " " "	11.67
" J. A. Crockett Upholstering & Matts	1.25
" " " " " " " " " " " "	4.41
" Henry Brown, Lumber, Nails &c. for Court House	10.45
" " " " " " " " " " " "	11.00
" J. Wright, for Cushions, Carpets &c. Court House	18.00
" J. H. Butler, Paper & Binding same	11.25
" " Webster, Shirts &c.	2.00
" Amos Brown, attending Bethel Henry's viewing, Court House &c. for the care of the Court House from the first day of April 1845, to the first day of October 1845.	27.21
" Richard D. B. Clerk, for his continuance order of notice, Warrants, Returns, &c. and returning Commissioners Records.	6.36
" C. B. Street, water privilege for the Jail to Sept. 1845	6.00
	372.35

Ordered that Warrants be drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of said
persons in full for damages allowed them in the location &c. of Highways
to the sum of Four hundred and ninety six Dollars

Mumpden sp. Dec 13, 1845. All matters not acted upon, remaining
be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest.

Thos. D. B. Clerk.

These matters respectively, in the Hamilton Post a newspaper printed in said county, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said county a his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of Palermo with an attested copy of said petition and three copies thereof, the last copy at least and first in in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting. The Sheriff or his Deputy will make return thereof, with due diligence to the clerk of said County Commission, at or before the time of said meeting.

James H. Crockett, Chairman.

And the petition was returned from meeting to meeting at the meeting held on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty. And the Clerk of said County in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows viz.

Hempden Sp. May 2^d 1834. I served the Town Clerk of Palermo with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid, and order of notice therein, by giving the same to him, and I also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

L. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing, as follows to wit.

Hempden Sp. June 12. 1834. The County Commissioners of said County having given notice to all persons and corporations interested in the foregoing petition according to the provisions of law in that behalf. As appears by the foregoing return of the Sheriff of said County, and also having given notice by publishing in a Newspaper, printed in said County a copy of said petition together with the foregoing order of notice stating the time place and purpose of the meeting, as is particularly set forth and required by said order. John Gould one of the Special Commissioners in summons attended and acted on said petition, in the place of John Ward, one of the County Commissioners, who is situated by being an inhabitant of said Palermo, and a Quaker has concluded, that at the time and place, mentioned in said order and proceeded to view the several roads and routes for roads described in said petition: and having viewed the same and heard all persons and corporations interested therein, who desired to be heard in the premises. He was of opinion that certain alterations, improvements and repairs should be made in the road leading from said Sedgewick to said David's Village, and so adjudge in the premises. All which is submitted.

James H. Crockett,

Chairman.

John Gould, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered was accepted and

in allusion to the common convenience and necessity.
And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to
the meeting holden on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of
our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five at which meeting it
was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations
interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the
Court House of Somerset County in Palmer on the twenty
fourth day of September next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of locating said alterations and new road,
in some land thereof by publishing an abstract of said
petition and this order the day in the afternoon that a public
meeting be held in said County three weeks successively,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said
twenty fourth day of September. And it is further ordered by
the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or
his deputy serve the Clerk of the Town of Palmer with a
copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least
before the said meeting containing the substance thereof in
the public papers in said Town of Palmer, fourteen days at
least before the said twenty fourth day of September at which
time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate and es-
tablish said alterations and said road, and will hear all
persons and corporations interested therein who may then
and there come to be heard and upon such damages as
in those matters may be just and proper by reason of the
location of said road.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to
the meeting. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of
the foregoing order, made his return as follows to wit:

Hampden Co. Aug. 23. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of
Palmer with an abstract copy of this petition and order
thereon, by giving the same to him and also posted up
in two public places in said Town an abstract containing
the substance of said petition more than fourteen days
before the time of said meeting.

Chas. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writ-
ing as follows to wit:

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said
County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine. On the petition
of Jonathan Bond and others, then presented to said
Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the
road leading from Bonds Hill to Palmer Depot, is very
crooked and in bad condition and that public conve-
nience requires it to be straightened; also, that a new road
is wanted from Bonds Hill to Hampshire line, as by

Said petition on file will appear

The commissioners drawing a view of the premises in question on Tuesday the twelfth day of June, then next, and nine o'clock in the noon at the house of Enoch Bond in Palmer as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be put upon the block of the town of Palmer, being the town within which said highway is situate for thirty days at least before the time it should be put to vote, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested in the same by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been published at least before the time appointed for said vote, and before said vote was held said commissioners gave notice in the manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for coming to said view.

And on the said 12th day of June the commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having done so the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, which at Springfield occurred on the fourth Sunday of June then current, at which meeting the matter was heard, and after the reading, said commissioners proceeded to read and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petition be granted; and after adjudgeing as aforesaid, said commissioners adjourned. On the 24th day of September, A. D. 1845 and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Enoch Bond in said town as the time and place before and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and alterations, and the said commissioners having given notice by the adjudgeing and the time and place appointed for meeting and having all persons in matter of damage in the same manner as the notice and publication was given in due and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof on the said 24th day of September, met and proceeded to locate and establish said highway and alterations.

Beginning at the Ware and Palmer Town line, on the east side of Swift River, at the Southern terminus of a road laid out by the Hampshire county commissioners, and running on the southerly side of said Road, S. $24^{\circ}15'$ W. 20 rods and 22 links; S. $49^{\circ}44'$ W. eight rods and 6 links; thence S. $70^{\circ}44'$ W. 8 rods and 14 links; thence S. $87^{\circ}44'$ W. twenty rods; thence S. $82^{\circ}30'$ W. 11 rods, 13 links; thence N. $89^{\circ}15'$ W. eighteen rods; thence N. $67^{\circ}44'$ W. 8 rods and 8 links; thence N. $89^{\circ}30'$ W. 11 rods; S. $77^{\circ}30'$ W. 17 rods and 14 links; thence S. $71^{\circ}15'$ W. 18 rods and 20 links; thence S. $56^{\circ}16'$ W. 25 rods and 12 links. The road thus far to be three rods wide. Thence same course, eighteen rods, to a stone monument bearing S. $66^{\circ}20'$ W. 2 rods 4 1/2 links, from the west corner of the dwelling house, first erected on the Boston Duck Co. land. This last distance

widens on the westerly side to four rods, at the Stone monument.
 Hence from said monument S. $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 130 rods to a stake in the ground,
 29 links Southwesterly from E. Bonds Store. The minutes and distance of the
 last course describe the East line of the road, which last distance of
 130 rods is laid four rods wide. The first alteration of the old road
 leading from E. Bonds Store to the Depot, begins near the N.W. corner
 of the old Store cellar, at a stake; thence S. 54° W. $2\frac{1}{4}$ rods; thence
 S. $24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 30 rods to a stake and stones, about 11 feet west of the S.W.
 corner of Peter Southwick's house; thence S. 37° W. 34 rods to a stake
 and stones, near the Pond; thence S. $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 10 rods to a small ma-
 ple tree; thence S. $10\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 7 rods and 20 links, to a White Birch
 on E. Borden's land; thence S. 31° E. 6 rods to a stake and stones;
 as far on the East line of the road; now crossing to the west line,
 running as follows, S. $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $33\frac{1}{2}$ rods to E. Bonds land; thence
 S. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a white oak tree; thence S. $3\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 22 rods to
 a small apple tree, near Zadock Cooley's land; thence S. $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 43
 rods to a white pine ^{tree}; thence S. $4\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 22 rods, to Duerke's land;
 thence same point 4 rods to Fuller's land; thence, on the same point,
 49 rods, to the road leading to Rhondike Village; thence on the
 same point 4 rods to an apple tree; thence on same point 3
 rods to a stake and stones on the west side of the road leading
 by Zadock Cooley's. Said ^{road} is laid three rods wide. The 2^d al-
 teration on said road, commences at an apple tree north of
 Pliny Cooley's barn; thence N. $8\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 25 rods to the old road; thence
 N. $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 12 rods on said road; thence N. 15° E. 32 rods meeting
 that point of the old road laid 4 rods wide. The 3^d alteration
 begins at a stake and stones on the west line of the old road
 leading from Marble Fowells to the Depot; thence S. 14° W. 24
 rods on said Fowells land; thence S. on same point 18 rods
 to a small pine tree on Jan^a M^e Elwan's land; thence S. $13\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$
 W. 12 rods to a stake and stones; thence S. 3° E. 36 rods to the
 center of the travelled path of the road leading from the
 Three Rivers to the Depot. The above minutes describe the
 west line of the road, which is laid three rods wide.

After making said layout, the Surveyors made
 their appraisal of damages as follows, viz.

To E. Bonds Store, Stake, dollars	250
" " " " " " " "	15
" " " " " " " "	10
" " " " " " " "	10
" " " " " " " "	20
" " " " " " " "	10

In the construction and making of said road the
 Surveyors order, that the said road path be made ten rods wide,
 to be an extension of ditches; that all necessary fences be and
 bridges be made; bridges to be of stone or brick; that the
 road be and that there be no road to be made from the
 said road to the first bridge, which will be the same.

one rod from the east line of said road. The road from said cellar to said bridge to be even graded from 4 feet below the starting point to the bridge; the road also to be even graded from the old road to the table of land in C. Borden's lot, and to be made as near to road as practicable; from the Thendike road, near A Fuller's to Oling Croley's barn, the points of the roads must be taken off, so that the travelled path shall be as straight as it can be made in the road, in the present lay of the road, and the travelled path to be as level a grade as the present travelled path; the last alteration, southward of Marble Finell's must be even graded so that no elevation shall exceed two degrees. All to be made and completed, previous to the first day of September A D. 1846.

Owners of lands are allowed until June 1st 1846, for remove wood and trees from said Highway. All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps }
 Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
 Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the road and alterations laid and established as and for a Public Highway.

I Wainwright & al
 Petition for
 alterations of
 Highway from
 Southwick St. to
 the Hill side
 Road.
 No 12.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The Subscribers, citizens of Southwick in said county respectfully represent, that public convenience requires that the road leading from Southwick Street to the Hill side road, should be altered and amended, on account of its being very hilly. Your petitioners, therefore, pray you to view said road, commencing where the road now does, near William Weatherby's Hotel; thence westerly on said road to the foot of City Hill, so called; thence south of the present road, to where the present road intersects the Hill side road, and, if in your judgment public convenience requires so alter and amend.

Theron Wainwright & others

Southwick, 11th Nov 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five. At which meeting the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Samuel B. Hodgeth, in Southwick, on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May next, at one o'clock, P. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Southwick in said county, thirty days at least, before the said 28th day of May, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed

in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petitions or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Southwick, fourteen days before said 28th day of May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, last. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden sp. April 15, 1845. I served the town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition and order.

C. Rice, Sheriff—

At which meeting the County Commissioners made their report in writing as follows, to wit:

Hampden sp. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the county of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Theron Waince and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires that the road leading from Southwick Street to the Hill side road should be altered on account of its being very hilly. The petitioners therefore pray that the Commissioners view said road and make such alterations as they shall think public convenience requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty eighth day of May then next, and one o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Samuel B. Hodget in Southwick, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick, being the town within which said Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of

said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 28th day of May the commissioners met at time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there signify that common convenience and necessity require, that some improvement or alteration be made in said Highway.

Wm. Phelps.

Samuel Root } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }

Which report being read and considered, was accepted, and the adjunctions adjudged of common convenience.

At which meeting it was ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of S. H. Hazlett in Southwick or Hawtham the twenty first day of August next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and improvements, by publishing an abstract of said petition and the order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said twenty first day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, deliver the town clerk of the town of Southwick both a copy of said petition and the order thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in the public places in said town of Southwick, fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of August, at which time the said commissioners will proceed to locate and establish said alterations and improvements and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and upon the same as in their respective cases may be just and proper, by reason of the alterations of said road.

Rich^d Bliff, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made the Return as follows, viz.

Hampden ss. July 26 1848. I served the town clerk of said town with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows to wit.

Hampden ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners

County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the
Monday of that in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
and forty five.

On the petition of Thomas Thorne and others, then presented
by said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the road
leading from Southwick Street, to the Rail Road and should be
improved and widened on account of its being very filthy, as
by said petition in file will appear. The Commissioners then
by a vote of the premises appointed, appointed Wednesday the
fourth eighth day of May then next and one o'clock in the
afternoon, at the house of Samuel D. Hodgell, in Southwick as
the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of
Southwick being the town within which said alteration is sought
for. Truly says at least before the time appointed for said
view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing
the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said
town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks suc-
cessively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of
said copy having been fourteen days at least before the
time appointed for said view, and before said view was
had said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner
as is required in the foregoing notice of the petition to all
persons interested of the time and place for viewing
said view. And on the said 25th day of May the Com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view
the premises, and having viewed the same, the further considera-
tion thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the
Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth
Tuesday of June then next. At which meeting the parties
were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners pro-
ceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said
petition, and after considering the same, said Commission-
ers did adjudge that some improvements or alterations
be made in said Highway, and after adjudicating as
aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty
first day of August then next, and eight o'clock in the
forenoon, at the house of S. D. Hodgell in said Southwick, as
the time and place when and where they would meet and
proceed to lay out and establish said alteration. And the said
Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication, and the
time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons
interested in the matter of damage in the same manner as
the notice and publication was given and made, and as is
by ^{law} such case made and provided, before proceeding to
view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead
of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of August

and proceeded to lay out and establish said alteration
 Commencing at a stake and stones near the east bar post
 entering Col Fols mowing; thence South $71\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ west $33\frac{3}{4}$ rods; then
 N. $83\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence N. 77° W. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; thence N. 72° W 15 rods
 to the old road.

After making said location, the commissioners agreeable to
 notice given for that purpose, heard all persons in damage, and
 assessed to be heard, and made their report of damage as
 follows:

to Eustice Black, forty dollars	\$40
" to St. Vincent, twenty dollars	20
" Thaddeus Post, ninety dollars	90

On the construction and making of said road the com-
 missioners order, that the travelled path be made sixteen
 feet wide; exclusive of ditches; that the hills shall be even
 graded, so that the elevation shall not exceed five degrees;
 and that all necessary culverts shall be made, for the free pas-
 sage of the water. Said culverts to be constructed of stone or
 brick. Said road to be made and completed to the order
 of the Commissioners, previous to the first day of September,
 A. D. 1846. The owners of lands are allowed until the first
 of July A. D. 1846, for remove fences and timber from said
 Highway.

Mellis Phelps }
 Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
 Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the
 alteration laid out and established as a Highway.

E. W. Heford
 Petitioner for
 alterations in
 Bliss Street, in
 Springfield.
 No 19

To the County Commissioners, for the County of Hampshire
 The Subscribers respectfully represent, that Bliss Street, in
 Springfield, from the River to Main Street is becoming an un-
 pleasant Street and needs to be widened at and near Main Street.
 They therefore pray, that after due proceedings, your Board will
 lay out the same as a County road, and widen the same and
 make such other alterations therein as shall seem to you to
 be proper.

Elizah M. Bliss, & others

April 22^d 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners holden on the sixth day of May A. D. 1845
 by adjournment from the second Tuesday of April in the year
 of our Lord 1845. At which meeting the County Commissioners
 receiving a view of the premises specified and proper con-
 sideration that they would meet, for the purpose of said view at
 the Court House in Springfield on Wednesday the twenty fifth
 day of June next, at 2 o'clock P. M. and it was ordered by
 said County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be laid
 by the Sheriff of said County as his duty, upon the table of
 the Town of Springfield in said County, thirty days at least

and the said 25th day of June, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the date of said view. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield, fourteen days before said 25th day of June, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to four meetings, and the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. May 20. 1848. I served the town clerk of Springfield, with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

A. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty eight and by adjournment on the sixth day of May.

On the petition of Elijah H. Bliss and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that Bliss Street in Springfield needs to be widened at and near Main Street, they therefore pray that after due proceedings, the same may be laid out as a county road, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the twenty fifth day of June, then next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House in said county, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such view is prayed for, thirty days at least before the same appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said

town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said 23rd day of June, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, and no person making any objection, said commissioners proceeded to lay out and establish a common highway, as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northerly corner of Dwight and Ornes new building, at the underpinning, and run S. $46^{\circ}25'W$. 26 rods and 26 links, to the center of the stone post, at the easterly side of Willis Phelps' door yard; thence S. $47^{\circ}35'W$. four rods and 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ links, to the center of the stone post on the westerly side of said Phelps' door yard; thence S. $48^{\circ}20'W$. 25 rods and twelve links, to Water Street, at a point bearing N. $86^{\circ}40'W$. 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ links, from the westerly corner of the Brick work of Joel Kendall's dwelling house, northerly side; Begins at the easterly corner of Roderick Bents building, at the underpinning, and run S. $46^{\circ}15'W$. 26 rods and 10 links, to a post, bearing N. $81^{\circ}E$. one rod, one and two thirds links from the corner of the brick building belonging to the heirs of Philip Wilcox, deceased; thence S. $48^{\circ}20'W$. thirty rods and 23 links to Water Street, at a point three rods from the southerly line of said Blip Street. And after making said location, the Commissioners made their apportionment of damages as follows

To Dwight & Ornes, one hundred Dollars

\$100

Willis Phelps, one of the owners, Commissioner for said county, being interested, did not act with the Board in viewing and laying out said highway. That William Phelps, one of the Special Commissioners being satisfied with the Board, as in such cases is provided

Master Phelps County Commissioner
Samuel Root

That William Phelps, Special Commissioner

Which Robert being read and admitted, is accepted and the way laid out and established as and for a Common Highway

In the County of Hampden, for the County of Hampshire.

The subscribers, Trustees of the Mass of John Hooker, late of J. Hooker Trustee, respectfully represent, that the Hartford and Springfield Railroad Corporation have located their road through a lot of of damages on the location of said lot, and the subscribers, as trustees aforesaid, situate on the location of said lot, on Main Street, in said Springfield, and the lot belongs to John Hooker, on which said lot there is also a right of an Avenue in private way shown on a plan of said lot, and said John Hooker and others, having already received their respective lots aforesaid, also a lot of land of Main Street, lying east of the lot aforesaid, which was given by the Mass aforesaid for the purpose of a public road, the fee thereof being still in said trustee, for and to be used only to said public easement of a common road, also on the east side of Main Street across an Avenue in private way and land belonging to the subscribers aforesaid, the same being on the corner opposite of Hooker's store, and extending fifty eight feet on Main Street and one hundred and ten feet on a new street, called East Road or Hooker Street. Also across said new street and through the whole length of the same to Main Street; said new street being private property, having been established by said Mass and the R.R. Road Corporation, by a deed of donation made between the parties for their own public interest and accommodation.

The petitioners represent, that by the aforesaid location a considerable quantity of very valuable land, belonging to him, on the lot aforesaid, is taken by said Hartford and Springfield Railroad Corporation for the above purpose, and the aforesaid street and ways are greatly obstructed by the tracks of said Corporation, and by the piling, and stacking of logs and timber thereon, and much damage done to the adjoining land belonging to the said Trustee of the Mass aforesaid. He therefore prays, that after due proceedings had hereon, your Hon^{ble} Board will award the damages thereon to the trustee aforesaid, for said Mass.

Joseph Hooker, Trustee.

Springfield, April 24th 1845.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners, in vacation, who thereupon made the following Order, to wit:

Commissioners of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. April 25th 1845. The foregoing petition being this day presented to the subscribers, Chairman of the County Commissioners for said county, it is ordered, that the Commissioners meet at the Court House in said County, on the 8th day of May next, at 10 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on said petition. And it is also ordered,

that reasonable notice is given to the said Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, by serving them with a copy of said petition and this order thereon, seven days at least previous to the date of said meetings; and Josiah Hooker as executor and trustee of said estate, appeared and acknowledged to the court of said County, in the sum of one hundred dollars each, and bound to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, has return as follows, to wit:

Hampton, Apr. 30, 1865. I served the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation with an attested copy of the petition and order thereon, by giving the same to Thomas S. [unclear], the Agent of said Corporation, who transacts their business.

W. Rice, Sheriff.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. The respective parties met and entered into the following agreement, to wit:

It is hereby agreed by and between the Hartford and Springfield R. R. Co. of the one part and Josiah Hooker, Trustee of the estate of John Hooker, deceased, that in the case now pending between the parties aforesaid before the County Commissioners, on a Complaint for damages, the small triangular piece of ground belonging to said Hooker, situated on the west side of Water Street, and not included in the location of said Rail Road Co. but lying between the same, and part of the Northampton Rail Road Co. called the Hastings lot, and bounded east by Water Street, is to be taken into consideration in the estimate of damages in said case, and damages assessed therefor; and whenever the question of damages is finally settled, and on payment of the same, by said Hartford and Springfield R. R. Co. said Hooker is to convey to the said Hartford and Springfield R. R. Co. the same right and title to said triangular piece, as they would have had by Statute, if the same were included in said location; and this agreement is to be put on file in said case, as a part of the same.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands, this 30th

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation.

By Chester W. Chason, Agent.

Josiah Hooker, Trustee.

And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows to wit:

Hampton, Nov 2^d 1865. The Commissioners of said County having given reasonable notice to the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation, as ordered by the return of the Sheriff of said County, in the above petition of Josiah Hooker, Trustee

and the said East Road Corporation by E. A. Smith
on the 1st day of August 1845 presented to
the County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden a copy of the petition described in said petition, as
being for the location of said East Road, and having heard the
said petition, and the said East Road Corporation by counsel
present in the premises; the same after reading the same
the County Commissioners well satisfied by the location of said
road, and the said road at the sum of seven thousand
dollars per mile.

The County Commissioners do further order that said East Road be
located and constructed and further maintain a good and sufficient
road over the same in the year of John Smith and his heirs (being
the same road as by said petitioners said crossing to be made and
constructed in the first day of September next.

Wm. Phelps.

Samuel Hill } County Commissioners

Austin Hill }

Which being read and considered, is accepted.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Your petitioners respectfully represent, that the public good
and convenience require an alteration in the lay of the
road leading from the Thorndike Village in Palmer
to the Water Mills of the Thorndike Company. Your petitioners
pray that the Commissioners would view said road and make
such alterations as the public convenience, in their opinion,
they require.

Jacob B. Merrick, Agent for Thorndike
Company, & others.

Done August 11th 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners, holden on the thirteenth day of Au-
gust last by adjournment by adjournment from the fourth Tues-
day of June last. At which meeting, the County Commissioners,
examining a view of the premises specified and proper, gave
order that they would meet for the purpose of said view
at the dwelling house of E. Paul in Palmer on the 23rd day of
September next at 10 o'clock A. M. and it was ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
on the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of
the Town of Palmer, in said County, thirty days at least before
the said 23rd day of September, and that all other persons and cor-
porations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy
of said petition and the order thereon, in the Hampshire Post or
other newspaper printed in said County, three weeks suc-
cessively, the last publication to be at least fourteen days
at least before the time of said view. And it was further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition,

J. B. Merrick
Petition for
alteration of
Highway from
Thorndike Mill
in Palmer, to
the opposite
No 28.

or abstracts, containing the substance thereof, and then order, to be posted up by said Sheriff, in public places in the town of Palmer, for ten days before said 23 day of September. That notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the county commissioners deem proper of the premises situated on Hooper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows:

Thompson, Aug. 23 1845. I served the town clerk of Palmer with an attested copy of this petition and order, and by giving the same to him, and posted up in two public places in said town an abstract, containing the substance of said petition some three weeks before the time of said meeting.

And now the county commissioners make their Report in writing, as follows, to wit:

Resolved at a meeting of the county commissioners of the county of Thompson held at Springfield in said county, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, and by adjournment on the 13th day of August, then next.

In the petition of Jacob B. Smith, agent and attorney, then presented to said commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the public good and convenience require an alteration in the lay of the county road leading from the Thompson village in Palmer to the Upper Mills of the Thompson Company, as by said petition on file with officers.

The commissioners, deeming a view of the premises important, appointed Tuesday the twenty third day of September then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of E. Paul in Palmer, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Palmer, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Thompson Post, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been forty-two days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

On the 23rd day of September the Commissioners met at the house and house appointed, and proceeded to view the premises. The Commissioners then determined upon the location of said road, and having heard the objections of said petition, and after considering the same the Commissioners did then and there adjudge that the petition should be granted. And after adjudging as aforesaid there being no objections said Commissioners presented the following petition as follows viz.

Beginning at the north east corner of the South Barn, south of Paul's tavern; thence south $36\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake and stone; thence S $45^{\circ} 20'$ E. 79 rods to the center of a small barn. The above bearing and distances, describe the west line of said road which is laid three rods wide.

In the making of said road the Commissioners order, that it be even graded, twenty feet wide for travel, and to be completed previous to the first day of July next.

Willis Phelps

Samuel Root } twenty commissioners
Austin Potter }

Said report being read and considered, is accepted, and the petition is established as a common highway.

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, the Hadley Falls Company, respectfully represent that the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located and laid out their Rail Road (a map & plan of which location was filed in the Office of said County Commissioners, on the 28th day of June A. D. 1848) over and across the lands owned by the said Hadley Falls Company, situated in West Springfield in said County, on the West side of the Connecticut river, near the South Hadley Falls, to wit: the lands taken by said Corporation for their Rail Road being the same described on the "Land Plan" furnished by said Rail Road Corporation to said Hadley Falls Company, signed by "L. M. Hall Civil Engr." By the said location of said road the said lands of said Company, which are crossed by said road are greatly injured. The said Hadley Falls Company therefore pray, that after due proceedings in the premises your honorable board will estimate their damages incurred in the premises.

Oct 2. 1848

Hadley Falls Company.

By their attorney J. Norton.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on vacation, who thereupon made the following order, to wit:

Hadley Falls Co
Petition for
Ass of Dam.
West Springfield
R. R. Co.
A^o 38

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. October 2^d 1845. The within petition being duly presented to the subscribers, Chairman of the County Commission for said county. It is ordered that the Commission be at the Store of the Huddy Falls Co in West Springfield on Friday the 10th inst at nine o'clock A.M. then and there to act on said petition and it is also ordered that reasonable notice be given to the said Corporation, by serving them agent with an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, and this order thereon, five days at least, previous to the time of said meeting. And E. Smith as principal and Chapman, Ashmun and Norton as surety, recognize to the County of Hampden, in the sum of three hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County harmless from all costs and expenses on account of said petition.

Wells Phelps Chairman.

I do hereby acknowledge notice on the within petition

Erastus Hopkins Cust.

Oct. 4th 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting. And the County Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.
Hampden Co. Oct. 10th 1845. The County Commissioners, in said County having given suitable notice to Erastus Hopkins, President of the Northampton and Springfield Rail Road Corporation; (as will appear on the above petition of the Huddy Falls Company, and the said R. R. Corporation, by their attorney, and the petitioners, at the Store of the Huddy Falls Co in West Springfield) this day at 4 o'clock A.M. being the time and place appointed for said meeting, and proceeded to view the premises of the said Huddy Falls Company, described in said petition as taken for the location of said Rail Road, and having known the said Huddy Falls Company, and the said Rail Road Corporation, by their attorney, fully in the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said Huddy Falls Company will suffer by the location of said Rail Road upon the said lands, at the sum of Three thousand Dollars. The Commissioners do also order, that said Rail Road Corporation shall construct and forever maintain a good and lawful fence on each side of said lands, excepting such parts thereof as are and may be occupied for roads; that said Rail Road Corporation are also to make and maintain two good and sufficient crossings, one of said crossings to be where the said Rail Road crosses the private way, leading by the Huddy Falls Co to the other the south side thereof, is to be on the line of the south side of the back dwelling house of Edward Smith extended to and across the said Rail Road; also one other crossing, for the purpose of hauling stone from said Huddy Falls Co's land to the river; said crossing is to be planked sixteen feet wide, by said Rail Road Corporation, and the grading and making said road beyond the said crossing is to be made by said Rail Road Corporation, unless they give liberty

... to be made, to grade and make said crossing
... of said road; said fence and crossings to be made and
... before the first day of Nov. A. D. 1846 and the
... crossings are to be made fifty feet wide.

... submitted, and accepted.
... of the County Commissioners being interested, as
... of the Board on the affairs
... of the County. Watson E. Boise one of the Special Com-
... being notified appeared and acted with the board
... cases is provided.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioner
Samuel Root }
Watson E. Boise. Special Commissioner.

... being read and considered, is accepted.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
of Washington County, men in session.

The subscriber respectfully represents, that he has
been aggrieved in the estimation and assessment of his
damages by the Commissioners, occasioned by the laying out
and building of the new road, which leads from the Bridge in
Springfield to the Cape Falls; that he had no personal notice of
the meeting of the Commissioners for assessing said damages;
that the newspaper containing the notice, was not seen by
him, and he had no knowledge whatever of such meeting,
and that no meeting of the Board was held to his knowledge, till
six months had elapsed after said assessment of damages; so
that he had no opportunity of making application for a
hearing.

A. Root,
petitioner for
reassess. of
damages
on land taken
for Road to
Cape Falls.
A. 111

The petitioner prays, that the damages occasioned to him by
assessing, may, after a hearing of him, be reassessed by your board.
Francis Root.

Springfield, Dec. 24th 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting.
And the Commissioners make their Report in writing as
follows, to wit:

Washington, Dec. 25th 1845. The County Commissioners, have
read and considered the within petition, as amended said Francis
Root's petition, in addition to the \$112 herebefore allowed him.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Fuller } County Commissioner
Samuel Root }

Said Report, being read and considered is accepted.

Samuel F. Stanley is licensed as an Undertaker, at the
residence of his in Springfield without authority to sell or dispose of
any corpse.

Noting

Charles M. Boyce is licensed as an Undertaker, at the
residence of his in Springfield and Dwight Streets in Spring

Noting

Springfield

held, without authority to see any intervening signs.

Allen Kimball, is licensed as a Common Notary Public and authority to see him, and without authority to see intervening signs, at Springfield, Mass. Feb. 24. 1846

County Estimate
for 1846

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

<p>Resolved, That a meeting of the County Commissioners be held at Springfield, on and for the County of Hampshire on the 1st Tuesday of December A. D. 1845, for the purpose of considering the necessity of raising a County Tax to defray the current expenses of the County for the year next ensuing, have made an estimate as follows:</p> <p>For the payment of Grand and Traverse Juries \$300</p> <p>For third expenses criminal prosecutions 1900</p> <p>Cost of Court for services &c 200</p> <p>Sheriff, Constables, Clerks of Courts &c 1300</p> <p>Salaries of Clerks 130</p> <p>Expenses for taking depositions 250</p> <p>Expenses for witnesses and witnesses in the Jail 1200</p> <p>Expenses for witnesses in House of Correction 1200</p> <p>Expenses and salaries for County buildings 300</p> <p>Books and Stationery for County offices 100</p> <p>County Commissioners, Agents, Clerks, &c 1200</p> <p>Expenses for lands for locations of Highways 2500</p> <p>Allowance to Clerks for making road and bridges 300</p> <p>Repairs of County bridges 100</p> <p>Contingencies, debts against the County, after deducting balances on hand for the year 1845</p> <p>and other available resources 300</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>
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Taxes and Fees

Estimated receipts from fines, forfeitures and other resources

County Tax for the year 1846 14,500 15,000

The whole tax to be applied for defraying the expenses of the County for the year 1846 is estimated as above at Fifteen thousand Five hundred dollars which sum is necessary to be raised for that purpose, and the Clerk of the County Commissioners is directed to lay a copy of the above estimate before the Legislature for approbation, and order according to the tenor of law in that behalf.

Wm. Phelps, Chairman of County Com.

Ordered, That Wm. Phelps, Esq. and Norman Foster be appointed a Committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Accounts

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented, amounting to the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty

and twenty four cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid

Henry Clinton, Grocer. Indignation upon the body
of Abraham H. Hall, Nov. 29, 1845.

Henry Clinton	1.37
Elyah Blake	1.37
Robert Rogers	1.37
James Lee	1.37
Wm. Willis	1.37
Samuel A. Brock	1.37
William Thompson	1.37
William Ashcroft	.58
William Landrum	.58
George Heath	.58
George L. Lewis	.58
Robert Whitney	.58
Henry B. Laidle	.58
Samuel J. L. Skinner	1.58
Wm. Merriam, Paper, Ink, Quills, Books &c	140.04
Samuel & Adams, Wood Box, work &c	14.21
E. Smith for Little & B. Miller mouth	14.00
A. Merriam for publishing petitions, &c	5.00
Samuel Brooks	29.50
William Moore	34.50
William H. Bush, Surveying &c	1.25
J. Lewis	6.50
James H. Leach for Wood for Jail	103.10
James H. Brooks	24.62 1/2
Chapman & Green, Stalls, handles, &c. (Court House)	12.76
Maynard & Morris, Shaving, Calico, Oil Cloth & Jail clo. House	39.30
Elyah Blake Treasurer House of Correction to Dec. 1. 1845	25.00
Johnston Walsh	25.00
William Child	25.00
William Rice, paid for costs criminal prosecutions	1833.59
Feb. 5. 1845. 548. 24. May Term, 1845. - Feb. 5. 1845. 1833.59	
Dec. 5. 1845. 783. 65	
W. Rice Sheriff for serving orders of Notice, dis-	
tributing Exclamations for Thanksgiving, &c	34.05
Richard Blip, for Orders of Notice, laying costs &c	33.82
James Peters, Sawing & getting up Wood, &c. &c	33.25
Wm. H. Johnson, Corn for the Jail with Campy &c	25.00
William, Clerk of the Court drew his warrant for the County Treasurer	22,365.74

in favor of the following persons in full for damages allowed them, by
order of the Court of Highways amounting to the sum of one hundred
and twenty eight dollars, viz. Wright & Rowe \$100. Francis \$15.
William Howe \$13.00

Resolved for February 24. 1846. All matters not acted upon
are ordered to be continued on 1st May. Motion if sustained without
day. Clerk

1844

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners be-
and holden at Ware, within and for the County of Hamp-
den on the second Tuesday of April, being the fourth day
of said month, to the fifteenth day of said month, and by
adjournment on the twenty third day of said month, and by
adjournment on the twenty first day of May, and on the
twenty eighth day of said month, the the twenty ninth day,
in the Place of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty six.

Present - Willis Thayer, Esq. Chairman,
Samuel Root, Esq.
Nelson Fuller Esq. } County Commissioners

A. Bancroft
Petition for
alterations of
H. May in Gran
ville.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We, the subscribers, beg leave, humbly to represent,
that the old road, commencing near the burying ground
in the North East District in East Granville, running in a
westerly direction, passing the school house in said district,
and continuing in the same direction, until it intersects
the main road, near the house of Capt. Hubbard in said
Granville, is stony and very steep, and that the same
can be altered, and so laid as to accommodate the
public much better, at comparatively small expense;
and we would request your Honorable Board to view
the same, and, make such alterations as the public demands.
The proposed alterations will make the road much more
level, and save about one mile in distance, to such per-
sons as travel to Westfield from the West Parish. Tolland,
Sandusfield, &c. June 13th 1844

Signed: Alpheus Bancroft et al.
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June
in the Year of our Lord 1844. At which meeting, the Commis-
sioners deeming it one of the premises expedient and proper,
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view
at the dwelling house of Timothy H. Cowley, 2^d in Granville, on
Thursday the fifteenth day of August next, at 4 o'clock P.M.
and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy
of said notation be served by the Sheriff of said County, on the
Selectmen, upon the Clerk of the Town of Granville, in said
County, thirty days at least, before the said fifteenth day of
August; and that all other persons and corporations inter-
ested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said
petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public news-
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said
view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that

copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville, fourteen days before the fifteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

Rick^d Bliss, Clerk.

and the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden, July 13, 1844. I served the town clerk of Granville with an attested copy of this petition and order of notice thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners, make their Report in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eight hundred and forty four.

On the petition of Alphens Bancroft and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that the old road, commencing near the burying ground in the north east district, in East Granville, running in a westerly direction, passing the school House in said district, to the house of Capt Hubbard in said Granville, is stony and very steep, and that the same can be altered so as to accommodate the public much better, they therefore request that a view may be had, and such alterations be made, as the public demands, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of August, then next, and J. O. Clark in the forenoon, at the house of S. M. Cowley, 2^d in Granville, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused copies of said petition to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a like copy to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said county said printing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least

before the time appointed for said view, and before said view ^{was} the Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the following day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted. Samuel Root, one of the County Commissioners, for said County being interested as an inhabitant of said Granville, being the Town wherein such alteration was prayed for, did not act with the Board in viewing said road. W. E. Boice, one of the Special Commissioners, being notified, appeared and acted with the Board.

Willis Phelps.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.

Watson E. Boice, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered is accepted, and the alteration adjudged not of common convenience.

M. C. Miller & Co.
Petition for

road from near
Westfield, to the
line of Berkshire
County.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.

The undersigned, humbly show, that in their opinion the public convenience and necessity require, that a road be laid from the vicinity of Westfield, through a part of Granville and Blanford to the line of Berkshire County for the more easy communication, and to facilitate business which is the general design for altering and laying roads.

The proposed road is to commence at the road lately completed, near the house of Samuel Reed, in Granville, running westerly in the most feasible route, to the road leading from Otis, to East Granville, to the point where the line of Berkshire County crosses said road, and make such alterations, and discontinue such portions of the old road as the necessity of the case requires. — And your petitioners pray, that such road and alterations may be laid and established, or such part of the same, as the Commissioners shall think proper, and as in duty bound will ever obey.

Blanford, August 10th 1846.

Signed:

Marcellus C. Miller & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord 1846. At which meeting it was ordered as follows viz.

And now upon the relation aforesaid, the County Commissioners
having a view of the premises expedient and proper, and so
that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the Court
house in the town of Branville on Wednesday the tenth
day of November next at eight o'clock A.M. and it is
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said
order be sent to the Sheriff of said County for his Service,
and that he be the bearer to Branville and Standford in
said County thirty days at least before the said twentieth
day of November, and that all persons and corporations
affected thereby be notified by publishing a copy of said
order and also under the seal, in the Independent Democrat,
a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks
before the said publication to be published days at least
before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by
the County Commissioners that notice of said relation or abstract
containing the substance thereof and this order be posted
up by the Sheriff & Deputy in four public places in the
towns of Branville and Standford each fourteen days before
said twentieth day of November, and that notice be given
in writing aforesaid to all persons and corporations who
shall that the County Commissioners deem it wise at the
premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the
same shall be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.
Richd. Bligh Clerk.

And this relation was continued from meeting to meet-
ing to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the
fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and forty five. And the Sheriff of
said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made
aforesaid, do followeth.

Reminded p. Oct. 9 1845. I served the town clerks
of Standford and Branville, each with an attested copy
of this relation and gave them, by leaving the same
at their dwelling houses and also posted up in two public
places in each of said towns, an abstract containing
the substance of said relation.

G. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report
as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Standford p. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the
first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hun-
dred and forty five.

On the petition of Marcus G. Miller and others, then present-
ed to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that
public convenience and necessity required that a county road
be laid from the vicinity of Wolffield, through a part of

Gronville and Blandford to the line of Berkshire county. The proposed route to commence at the road lately completed near the house of Samuel P. Reed, in Gronville, running westerly to the leading from Stes to East Gronville, to the point where the Berkshire county cross road. The petitioners for the said road and alterations may be laid, in such parts as the commissioners shall think proper, as by said petition and file will appear.

The commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of November then next, and 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of M. Cooley, Jr. in Gronville as the time and place for the view of the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be read upon the clerk of the town of Gronville and Blandford being the towns within which such highways are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested in same, a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was held, said commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing part of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for viewing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of November, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, in part.

Samuel Root one of the county commissioners, being interested as an inhabitant of Gronville, did not act with the board in viewing said road. Abel Balkins, one of the said commissioners, being notified, acted with the Board in the proceedings.

Wm. Phelps } County Commissioners
Austin Fuller }
Abel Balkins, Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered was accepted, and the road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that should

Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Volney Stow, in
Granville on Wednesday the seventeenth day of September next, at
eight o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said
road and discontinuing such portions of the old road as
are not needed: by publishing an abstract of said petition
in the order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a paper now
published in said county, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be published days at least before the said
seventeenth day of September. And it is further ordered, by
said County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County
shall deliver, near the clerks of the Town of Granville and
Blanchard, a copy of said petition and this order,
three days at least, and post up abstracts containing
the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Granville
and Blanchard, fourteen days at least before the said seventeenth
day of September, at which time the said Commissioners will
proceed to establish said road, and will hear all persons and
parties interested therein, who may then and there desire
to be heard, and upon such damages as in their opinion may
be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.
Richd Bliss Clerk.

And the petition was continued from meeting to meeting to
the meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of
the foregoing order made his return as follows.

Hon. Sir, July 12. 1845. I served the Town Clerk of
Granville and Blanchard, each, with an attested copy of
this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at the
dwelling house of each; and also posted up in two public
places, in each of said towns, an abstract containing the
substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

And now The County Commissioners make their Report
in writings, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said
County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our
said English Monarch and forty four.

On the petition of Marcello C. Miller and others then
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting
forth that public convenience and necessity require
that a County road be laid from the vicinity of
Westfield, through a part of Granville and Blanchard,
to the line of Berkshire County; the proposed route to
commence at the road lately completed near the house
of Samuel D. Reed in Granville, running westerly to the
road leading from Blue to East Granville as by said
petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises

expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of November then next, and eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of J. M. Hooley, Jr. in Granville, as the time and place for the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be posted upon the clock of the town of Granville and also for thirty days at least before the time appointed for hearing and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said towns, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Independent Democrat, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to transact the business, and having received the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the Tuesday of December, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that public convenience requires that the prayer of the petition should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of September then next, and eight o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Volney Snow, in said Granville, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway, and the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjournment and time and place appointed for meeting and hearing the persons on claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof on the said seventeenth day of September, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Highway on said petition as follows:

Beginning at a Chestnut Stump, with a pile of stones around it, on the south side of North Lane, so called, running N 15° 30' W. 32 rods to a Chestnut tree marked; thence N. 11° W. 8 rods to a hemlock tree marked; thence north 11 rods to an oak tree; thence N. 7° E. 9 rods to a Chestnut Stump; thence

N. 66° E. 9 rods to an oak tree; thence N. 21° E. 6 rods to an oak tree;
 thence N. 33° E. 12 rods to a hemlock tree; thence N. 13° E. 12 rods to a
 hemlock tree; thence N. 27° E. 11 rods to a chestnut tree; thence
 S. 1° W. 11 rods to a chestnut; thence N. 25° W. 20 rods to a stake
 and stones in a field; thence N. 22° W. 12 rods to a chestnut
 tree marked; thence N. 58° W. 8 rods to a chestnut tree; thence
 S. 60° W. 5 rods 12 1/2 links to a dead hemlock; thence N. 76° W.
 15 rods to a hemlock; thence N. 83° W. 14 rods to a black
 birch tree; thence N. 67° W. 9 rods to a beech tree; thence
 N. 38° W. 5 rods to a maple tree; thence N. 36° W. 26 rods to
 a stake and stones; thence south 71° W. 21 rods to a birch
 tree; thence S. 79° W. 16 rods to a hemlock; thence S. 85° W. 11
 rods to a hemlock; thence N. 86° W. 8 rods to a hemlock;
 thence S. 89° W. 10 rods to Eli Kroy's land; thence S. 55° W. 14 rods to
 a Beech tree; thence S. 69° W. 7 rods to a Beech tree marked;
 thence S. 82° W. 14 rods; thence S. 79° W. 20 rods to a pile of
 stones; thence S. 53° 30' W. 15 rods; thence S. 80° W. 7 rods to Si-
 mus Hubbard's land; thence same course 7 rods to a
 hemlock tree; thence N. 85° W. 14 rods; thence N. 59° W. 19
 rods to a beech marked; thence N. 38° W. 11 rods; thence N. 49° W.
 18 rods; thence N. 33° W. 9 rods to Calvin Rose's land; thence N.
 35° W. 14 rods to a birch tree marked; thence N. 46° W. 10 rods;
 thence N. 37° W. 9 rods; thence N. 36° W. 10 rods to a yellow birch
 staddle at the edge of Mr. Ovan Field; thence N. 72° W. 19 rods;
 thence N. 73° W. 18 rods to a hemlock stump, at the edge of the
 woods; thence N. 86° W. 13 rods to Stew's land; thence S. 89° W.
 58 rods to a hemlock; thence S. 87° W. 10 rods; thence S. 86° W.
 18 rods; thence S. 85° W. 26 rods to a pile of stones on top of
 a rock in a field; thence N. 68° W. 16 rods to mill pond;
 same course 19 rods to a stake on top of the hill; thence
 S. 87° W. 9 rods 12 1/2 links to a hemlock tree; thence N. 72° 30'
 W. 22 rods to south end of stone wall, to the center; thence
 N. 56° West 32 rods; thence N. 54° W. 22 rods; thence N. 68°
 W. 10 rods; thence N. 79° W. 18 rods to a point of a large
 rock marked with a chisel; thence S. 89° W. 31 rods 10
 links to a maple tree standing on the east side of the
 turnpike leading from Blandford to Branville.

The courses above, are taken on the right or northerly
 side of the road, and the road is laid three rods wider.
 After making said location the commissioners made their
 report of carriage as follows:

Calvin Rose twenty dollars	\$20
Simon Hubbard, twenty dollars	20
Eli Kroy, twenty dollars	20

Samuel Threl, one of the county commissioners for said
 county, being interested as an inhabitant of the town of
 Branville (being the town where said highway is prayed
 for) did not act with the board in viewing and locating
 said highway. Abel Cuthbert, one of the several commis-

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sioners, being notified, appeared and acted with the board as in such cases is provided.

The commissioners do order, that Two hundred dollars shall be paid to the town of Granville out of the County Treasury, in part pay for making said road, to be paid when the road is completed, and accepted by the County Commissioners of said County.

In the making of said road, the commissioners order that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; care must be taken that the ditch on the uphill side of the road be made of sufficient depth to keep the water from passing over the face of the road; there must be a sufficient number of bridges and Culverts made of said road for the free passage of the water; all to be constructed of stone, except the covering to the bridges at Stow's mill pond; the face of the road to be five feet above the creek at the small stream, about 40 rods southerly of Stow's Saw mill, and a suitable embankment each side of all watercourses. All to be made and completed on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1846, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Owners of lands are allowed until the first day of July next, to remove wood and timber from said Highway. That part of the road between Stow's Saw mill and the road leading from Stamford to Granville is not to be worked.

All which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps, } County Commissioners
Austin Miller }
Abel Perkins, Special Commissioner

which Report being read and considered, is accepted and the way laid and established as a public Highway

W. Wallis & Co.
Petition for
alterations
of High Way
in Holland.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
We, your petitioners, would represent, that the road leading from the Connecticut State line, near the house of Hordley Brook, westerly to Gardner Wallis in Holland is circuitous, rough, mountainous, and hilly, and that a road may be made under the hills at small expense, and save a tedious hill and some distance in length; said contemplated route would pass over lands of Eliwell F. Burley and Silas Burley. We pray your Honors to view said premises and make such alterations as will be convenient in your opinion requires.

(Signed)

Gardner Wallis, & others.

Holland, June 17, 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord 1845. At which meeting it was ordered as follows, to wit.

And the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners,
in view of the purposes expedient and proper, give notice
that the same shall be the business of said town at the
meeting of Abner Henny in Holland, on Wednesday the
second next, at three o'clock, P.M. and it is ordered
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, open
the door of the town of Holland in said County, thirty days
at least before the second sixth day of August, and that all
citizens and inhabitants interested therein, be notified
by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon,
in the Dutchess Republican, a public newspaper printed
in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said
meeting, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy
in two public places in the town of the said, fourteen
days before said sixth day of August, and that notice
be given by advertisement, to all persons and persons
interested that the County Commissioners deem a
review of the purposes expedient and proper, and that a
review of the same will be taken by them at the time and
place aforesaid.

Rich^d Bliss, Clerk.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners on the first Tuesday of October, last
where the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing
order made his return as follows:

That on the 5th July 1845, I served the Town Clerk of
Holland, with an attested copy of this petition, and order
thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and
also posted it in two public places in said town, in at-
tendance to the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting, the County Commissioners made
the following report in writing, as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

That on the 5th July 1845, at a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said
County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

That the petition of Samuel Hacci and others, then
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting
forth that the most leading firm Connecticut State bank
in the house of standing back, northward to the house of
Carter & Co. in Holland is vicious and illegal; the
petitioners therefore pray, that the Commissioners may view
the premises, and make such alterations as public convenience
requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, pointed Wednesday the 27th day of August, then next, and time in the afternoon at the house of Eliza Stearns in Holland as time and place for viewing the premises, first caused a said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holland being the town within which such situation is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was held said commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested in the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of August, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the commissioners were then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Wm. Phelps,

Austin Butler } county commissioners.
Samuel East

which Report being read and considered, was accepted, and the adjournment adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was returned to the meeting of the county commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December last at which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said commissioners will meet at the Court House in Springfield, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of April, next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fourteenth day of April. And it is further ordered, by the county commissioners that the Sheriff of said county, or his Deputy, serve this clerk of the town of Holland, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Holland, fourteen days at least, before the said

and at which time the said commissioners
will establish said alterations, and will have all per-
sons interested therein, who may then and there
be desired, and after such damages as in their opinion
may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of
Rich^d Slips, &c.

The petition was returned to this meeting. And the
court of said county in pursuance of the foregoing order,
was continued as follows.

Monday, March 14, 1846. I served the town clerk
of Holland with an attested copy of this petition by 12 o'clock
of the day. It has dwelling house, and also several other
public places in said town, an abstract contain-
ing the substance of said petition.

To Rice, Sheriff.

And now the county commissioners make their Report
as meeting as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Monday, March 14, 1846. At a meeting of the County Commission-
ers of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in
said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Gardner Wallis and others, then
presented to said commissioners, representing and setting
forth that the road leading from Connecticut line, near
the house of Hastings Bull, westerly to the house of
Gardner Wallis, in Holland is crooked and hilly,
the petitioners therefore pray, that the commissioners may
cause the premises and make such alterations as to the
road as may be required, as by said petition on file will
appear. The commissioners, deeming a view of the
premises advisable, appointed Wednesday the sixth
day of August then next, and ten o'clock in the after-
noon at the house of Elisha Stiny in Holland, as
the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused
a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk
of the town of Holland, being the town within which
said alteration was prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view, and also caused
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town;
and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks suc-
cessively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper
published in said county, said posting and the last
publication of said copy having been fourteen days at
least before the time appointed for said view, and
before said view was had, said commissioners gave
notice in like manner as described in the foregoing

notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of August the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to consider the petition, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December, then next. At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the merits of said petition, and after considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and after adjudging as aforesaid; said commissioners appointed Tuesday the fourteenth day of April, then next, and time to elapse in the afternoon at the Court House in said County, as the time and place when and where they should meet and proceed to locate and establish said alteration; and the said commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all persons interested in the matter of damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such cases made and provided; before proceeding to view except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof on the said fourteenth day of April, met and proceeded to lay out and establish a corner on Highway on said petition as follows, viz:

Commencing at the state line, at a stake and stones; thence running N. 30° E. 30½ rods to rock; thence N. 12° E. 23 rods and 7 links to a maple tree; thence N. 40° E. 11½ rods to a stake and stones, at the line of the old road, on land of Silas Burley. The above courses and distances describe the Easterly line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location the commissioners, having heard all persons who desired to be heard in the matter of damage, made their assessments as follows:

to E. P. Burley, thirty five dollars, \$35.

" Silas Burley, ten dollars 10.

In the construction and making said road, the commissioners order, that the travelled path be made sixteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; that all necessary diversions be made, for the free passage of the water, and that said road be made and completed, to the acceptance of the commissioners, on or before the first day of Octo. 1846.

All of which is submitted and accepted.

Willis Phelps ?

Samuel Bond, } County commissioners.

Austin Miller }

which report being read and considered, is accepted, and

the road was established as a Highway—

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire. W. Sheldon
Petitioner William Sheldon of Longmeadow; Petition for a
County Survey, represents, that he is aggrieved by the Survey to assess
the compensation of damages thereon, for lands taken
for the extension of Worthington Street
from West in Springfield in said County, over
the property of petitioner and others, which road was
long established and accepted at the last April Term
of said Court, on the petition of H. H. Buckland and
others, that the damages assessed and allowed for his
land taken was altogether inadequate, and the course
of the road altogether wrong. Wherefore he is aggrieved
and requests a warrant to issue in due form for a
survey unless a committee can be agreed upon accord-
ing to the provisions of law in that behalf, for a re-
estimation of damages, and the alteration of said
road between the termini named in the original
petition of said Buckland.

William Sheldon,

James M. Brooks.

By his attorney,

Sept. 1 1855.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners, holden on the first
Tuesday of October last, and continued from meeting
to meeting to this meeting. And now this petition is
renewed, without Oaths.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire P. Clark.
Patrick Clark, of Springfield, in said County, respectfully re- Petition for a
presents that he is aggrieved and greatly injured in his property by the Survey to assess
and estate by the location and making of the highway in the damages.
extension of Worthington Street to Amory Street, as established
and ordered by the said Commissioners, on the petition of H.
H. Buckland and others; that said Highway was so located
that the making and constructing of the same as required
in the order and locating report, greatly injures the house lot
of said petitioner, renders it almost inaccessible from the
road, and greatly endangers the house, inasmuch that it
approaches the Village Mill, and it will be necessary to reduce
the surface grade of his lot, or it will be useless or of very
little value to him. Therefore he prays for a jury or committee
to estimate or assess damages according to law.

Patrick Clark.

October 1. 1855.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October

last and contentment from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now this petition is dismissed, without costs.

Con River

N. B. Brown, of Haverhill

Petition for

The petition of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, respectfully represents, that they have laid out and located their Westspringfield Rail Road upon and across the land of Philo W. Street, Ebenezer Jones and John Street, said John Street having deceased and the heirs of John Street, and Philo W. Street, being administrators of said John Street, all of West Springfield, in said county of Hampden, which land is situated in the town of West Springfield in said county of Hampden, and that part thereof so taken for said Rail Road is described as follows, viz. Beginning north-
erly on land of Street Hastings, at a point forty six and one fourth feet west of the centre line of location of said Rail Road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly parallel with said centre line of said rail road, to land of Pliny Jones and Atkins, and to Connecticut River; thence easterly by said river to a point thirty five and three fourths feet at right angles with said centre line of said rail road; easterly; thence northerly parallel with said centre line, to land of said Street Hastings; thence westerly by land of said Hastings, to the place of beginning, containing sixty eight rods of land.

Also one other piece of land, in West Springfield aforesaid, of and belonging to Ebenezer Street Hastings, of said West Springfield, over which said Corporation have located their rail road authorized to be taken for said rail road. Bounded and described as follows. Beginning northerly on land of Joshua Street, at a point forty six and one fourth feet west of the centre line of location of said rail road, at right angles therewith; thence southerly, parallel with said centre line of said rail road to land of the heirs of John Street, deceased; thence easterly by land of said heirs to a point thirty five and three fourths feet easterly of said centre line of said rail road, at right angles therewith; thence northerly parallel with said central line of said rail road to Connecticut river; thence northerly by said river to land of ^{said} Joshua Street; thence westerly by land of said Joshua Street, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred three and a half rods of land.

Also another parcel of land, extending southerly to the land conveyed by Pliny Jones, to said company, taken by said rail road, five rods wide, more or less, including all the land taken; that your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary agreement with the owners thereof. They therefore pray, the County Commissioners, after due notice, to view the premises, and estimate the amount of damages, if any, sustained by the said Philo W. Street, Ebenezer W. Hastings and the estate of said John Street, said Philo W. Street in his

capacity of Administrator of John Street, deceased, and said G. Street
Hastings in the like capacity, thereby, according to Law.
Dated at Springfield, this second day of April, A. D. 1846.
Moses Phelps.

Copy of said Connecticut River Rail Road Company.
The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the
County Commissioners on the second day of April, in the Year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and it was by him
ordered that the Commissioners meet at the house of C. Crafts,
in West Springfield, on Monday the 13th inst. at 10 o'clock, A. M.
then and there to act on said petition; and it was also or-
dained that reasonable notice be given to the administra-
tors named; also to G. S. Hastings named in the
said petition, by serving them with an abstract of said
petition containing the substance thereof, and this order there-
on at least seven days previous to the time of said meet-
ing. And Brasius Hopkins, as principal and John Child
of said County, recognize to the County of Hampden, in the sum
of two hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said
County from all costs and expenses, on account of said
petition.
Miles Phelps, Chairman.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and
upon the County Commissioners make their Report in writing
as follows:

Hampden Co. April 13, 1846. The County Commissioners
of said County, having given reasonable notice to G. S.
Hastings and others, mentioned in the foregoing petition
of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, by serving
them with an abstract thereof, as appears by a copy of said
abstract, hereto annexed, met the said G. S. Hastings and
others named in said petition and the petitioners, by
Huntington their attorney, at the house of C. Crafts, this
day, at ten o'clock, A. M. being the time and place men-
tioned in said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises
described in said petition, as taken for the location of
said Rail Road, and having heard the said parties,
fully on the premises, we have appraised the damage
which the said Glover S. Hastings will suffer by the
location of said Rail Road upon the said lands at the
sum of two hundred thirty seven ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars. Also we
have appraised the damage to the estate of John Street,
at the sum of One hundred fifty eight dollars and
⁰⁰/₁₀₀. Also we have appraised the damage to Philo W.
Street at the sum of seventy nine dollars and seventeen
cents.

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }
Watson E. Davis, Special Commissioner.

which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

- Diamond Bolton is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler (without authority to sell spiritous or fermented liquors) at his house in Longmeadow.
- Newton John Newton is licensed as a retailer of wine, brandy, or other spiritous liquors, at his Store, about half a mile south of the meeting house in Monson.
- Tinsdell Lucius E. Tinsdell is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the house formerly kept by Amos Norcraft, in Monson.
- Bryant Horatio Bryant is licensed as a Common Victualler at the Hotel at the Centre of Blandford.
- Ruby William Ruby of Wales, is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors, in the building lately occupied by Cornelius Miller in Wales.
- Kellogg David Kellogg is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the house now occupied by Timothy McBoyle 2nd in Blandford.
- Baldwin John Baldwin is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler in his house in which he now lives in Wilbraham.
- Green Daniel A. Green is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at his house in the Centre of the town of Brimfield.
- Chapman Gordon T. Chapman is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler at the house he now occupies in Wilbraham.
- Barrows Eli Barrows is licensed as a retailer of wine, brandy and other spiritous liquors in less quantity than twenty eight gallons, and not to be used on his premises, in the town of Brimfield.
- Fuller Elisha A. Fuller is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler in his present house in the town of Wilbraham.
- Lindsey William Lindsey is licensed as a Common Victualler at the Rail Road House at Chester Village in the town of Blandford.
- Fay Marshall Fay is licensed as an Innholder and Common Victualler, at the Three Rivers Hotel, in said Village in Blandford.

John King is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, at the Hotel in Thunderside Village, in Palmer.

King Jay

John A. Turner is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, at the center of the town of Palmer.

Turner

Samuel Allen is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, at the Rail Road House in Palmer, on the south side of the Rail Road.

Allen

John Allen is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, at the Palmer Hotel, at the Depot in the town of Palmer.

Allen

John Allen is licensed as a retailer of spiritous liquors to be used in the arts, and for medicinal purposes only, at the place occupied by him, at the Depot in Palmer.

Allen

Charles Kinney is licensed as a common victualler and Temperance Tavern Keeper, in his present dwelling house in Westfield.

Kinney

Thomas Loomis is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at his house in the west Parish in the town of Westfield.

Loomis

Walter Whoon is licensed as a common victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, in Hull's building, east side of the Green, in Westfield.

Whoon

Levi Chapman is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, without license to sell intoxicating liquors on the west side of the Green, in the House known as the Western House.

Chapman

Rowell King is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors at his house in Westfield.

King

Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder, north Johnson's side of Great River, near the Rail Road, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Johnson

Harriet B. Hodgell is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler, in the house formerly owned and kept by George Beebe, in Southwick.

Hodgell

The following persons are licensed as Innholders, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, at their

respective Houses in the town of Springfield.
 Edward P. Mosley, Winter House.
 Olofin Penhellen, Williamsell House.
 Iye Moulton, Agency House.
 Morgan S. Day, Anderson House.
 Levi's Charles H. Mearns, Connecticut River House.
 Chester R. White, Exchange Hotel.
 George Jennings, Post Road House.
 John H. Annable, New England House.
 Ashby Mayden, Columbian Coffee House.
 Jeremy Warriner, United States Hotel.
 Mordecai A. Burnham, Tremble House.
 O. M. Alden, Alden House.
 M. & C. S. Chabers, Massachusetts House.
 John Fessenden, Western Hotel.
 Ezekiel Adams, Gloucester Falls Hotel.
 Morse Chabers, Hotel House.

Fuller

Saunder Fuller is licensed as an Innholder at the house he now occupies, in Ludlow.

Truesdell

William H. Truesdell is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler in the House formerly kept by Rufell Hawley in the Town of Rupert.

Black

William H. Black is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler at the Hotel in West Bradford.

Grafts

Chester Grafts is licensed as an Innholder and common victualler at the house he now occupies, in West Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

Damages
for land

The sum of one hundred and ten dollars is ordered to be paid to the following persons from the County Treasury, in full for damages allowed them, by reason of the location of Highways, viz:

Masses Ashby (M. George, Pet.)	50 00
Austin Bagby	20 00
Benjamin Ashby	3 00
William Ashby	15 00
Peter Bethune (D. H. Bagby and Pet.)	22 00
	<u>\$110 00</u>

Order

R. Day

Ordered that there be allowed to Ralph Day for custody of prisoners from Feb. 11, 1846 to May 1, 1846	35 00
" for prisoners in fact from Nov. 1, 1845 to May 1, 1846	17 00
" Allowance for salary as Prison Keeper from Feb. 11, 1846 to May 1, 1846	125 70
" " for fees	6 90
	<u>\$699 60</u>

in conformity with a Resolution of the General Court, passed at
 the last Session, granting a Tax of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
 on the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the
 several towns in said County, in manner following.

County Tax
 1846

Amherst	590.95
Amfield	641.25
Andover	381.39
Barre	440.06
Belmont	167.65
Berkshire	507.12
Boston	540.66
Brookfield	917.86
Chatham	155.07
Cheshire	1061.68
Concord	196.99
Franklin	440.06
Greenfield	5226.31
Hampden	247.27
Hampshire	217.94
Leicester	1370.49
Northampton	1378.88
Westchester	578.37
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	\$15000.00

And warrants have been issued, dated the twentieth day of
 April, A. D. 1846, directed to the Selectmen or officers of
 the several towns in the county, directing them to assess
 the same, upon the inhabitants of their respective towns,
 and requiring their respective collectors or constables to collect the
 same and pay the same to William Rice, Esq. County Treas-
 urer, or his receiver, or order, by the last day of August next
 ensuing, as the law directs,

County accounts against the County, being presented, amount
 to the sum of eleven hundred and fifty Dollars and
 eighty four cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid out
 of the County Treasury, as follows, viz:

To W. Rice, Sheriff, serving notice	2.25
" Distributing Proclamations	6.00
" Julius Day 42 ¹ / ₂ cords Wood. (Sail)	100.94
" J. M. Brooks 1 ¹ / ₂ cords Wood/committed in Dec	3.37
" Willis Phelps, Paper, & Collets for Door	6.50
" J. H. Butler, Books, Paper, Alphabets	} 34.87
" Reed Books, &c. &c.	
" Rich ^d Ship, Clerk, Entry petitions, issuing notices	} 50.79
" Continuations, Alphabets B. & M. L. & P.	
" Copying accounts, &c. &c. various books	
" Distributing blanks to Treas & Reg. Deeds	
Postage, &c. &c.	

To Harvey Chapin, Coroner, Inquest upon the body
of Dwight Fowler, January 11, 1846

Juries.	James H. Brooks	3 24
"	Stephen Bodurtha	1 11
"	Charles Campbell	1 37
"	William H. Bailey	1 37
"	Lester Lewis	1 37
"	Asabury Norton	1 37
Witnesses.	Jerome Fowler	58
"	Theodore Vanhorn	82
"	John S. Clark	66
"	Enoch Leonard	82
"	Calvin Wheeler	55
"	Henry Clark	66
Constable.	Walter King	1 74
"	Enoch Leonard, for notifying Coroner	1 00
"	H. A. Brown, hauling shingles under to	38 10
"	D. P. Ashley, advertising, Petitions, &c	57 25
"	Jessup & Brothers, 11 Ave B. S. Police, &c	52 30
"	Seth Massey, Surveying, &c	4 00
"	C. A. Sammons do do	3 20
"	Sizer, Ho. Coal Stone, (Probate Office)	12 93
"	William Moore, Pilcher & Tumbler, (H. House)	1 09
"	Isaac King, Plank for Bridge	8 25
"	Hamer-Spencer, White Washing Coal House	12 00
"	Amasa Parsons, attending Probate Court,	
"	Sawing & getting up Wood, clearing C. House,	
"	Care of H. House, to April, 1846, &c. &c	38 25

Hampden Co. May 24th 1846. All matters not acted
upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned
without day. Attest. Rich^d Bliss, Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield, within and for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June, the twenty third day of said June, to the twenty fourth day of said month, and by adjournment on the fourteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Present— Willis Phelps, Esq., Chairman.
Samuel Root Esq., County Commissioner.
Austin Fuller Esq.)

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. J. Brewer
The Subscriber represents, that on the first day of September Petition for
said the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation located a permanent of
said Rail Road over and across a tract of land damages on
owned by your petitioners in common with Charles Stearns and Soc. of H. S.
Charles A. Adams. Said tract is situated in Springfield, on Rail Road
the west side of Water Street, and runs from thence to a
tract of land owned by your petitioners on the bank of Con-
necticut river, being in a line with Union Street. By the said
location of the Rail Road, the tract aforesaid, which is crossed
by the Rail Road is greatly injured, and also the tract of your
petitioners which lies on said Bank. He therefore prays, that
after due proceedings in the premises, your Honorable Board
will estimate his damages incurred in the premises.

(Signed) James Brewer

October 2, 1844.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and continued to the meeting of the Commissioners holden on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. At which meeting the following notice was ordered.

And now, upon the foregoing petition it is ordered, that said Commissioners meet at the Court House, in Springfield, on Thursday the sixth day of February next, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of viewing said lands and of estimating said damages; And it is ordered, by said Commissioners, that a copy of said petition and this order thereon, be served upon the said Rail Road Corporation, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order made, ^{has} return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Jan. 24, 1845. I served said Corporation

with an attested copy of the petition aforesaid and order of notice to him, giving the same to Chester W. Chapin, an agent of said corporation who transacts their business
to Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting the commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Hampden Co. Feb. 6th 1843. The county commissioners of said county, having given reasonable notice to the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road corporation, mentioned in the foregoing petition of James Brewster, met the said Rail Road Corporation by their agents, to W. Chapin and the petitioner, James Brewster, at the Court House in said county; and after hearing said parties, proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and after viewing the same, the commissioners were of the opinion, that the said Brewster had not any claim for damage for the taking of the land described in said petition, for the location of said Rail Road, and we do not therefore assess any damage for the taking said land.

Willis Phelps,

Austin Fuller } county commissioners
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

D. Blodgetts
Petition for
Highway and
alter. of High-
way in Brum-
field.

To the county commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned, Inhabitants of Brimfield, in said County and the adjoining towns, respectfully represent, that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road in the northwesterly part of said Brimfield, to commence at the County road near the bridge over Long Pond, ^{thence up the valley of said Pond to a town road near the bridge over Long Pond to the} and also an alteration in said road near the house of Marcellus Hitchcock, and on his land; that we have heretofore petitioned the Selectmen of said town, who have refused to lay out said road and make said alteration. We therefore, relying on your Honors for justice in our case, respectfully request you to proceed to locate said road as the ^{law} requires, and your wisdom shall direct.

Brimfield Dec. 2. 1844.

Signed

Dudley Blodget & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the county commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, and continued to the meeting of the commissioners, holden on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting it was ordered, as follows, viz.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the county commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice, that they will meet, for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Dudley Blodget in Brimfield, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of May next, at

and it is ordered, by the County Commissioners, that
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, on
the Clerk of the Town of Brainfield, in order
that it be read at least before the said fourteenth day of
April, and that said other persons and corporations interested
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and
the order thereon, in the Springfield Gazette, a public news-
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last and third to be printed days at least, before the time
of said meeting. And it is further ordered by the Commis-
sioners, that copies of said petition, a abstracts containing
the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said
Sheriff in copy, in two public places in the town of Brain-
field, before said fourteenth day of May, and
that notice be given, in manner aforesaid, to all persons
and corporations interested, that the County Commission-
ers deem it wise in the premises expedient and proper,
and that a view of the same will be taken by them
at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meet-
ing to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the
second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thou-
sand eight hundred and forty six.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the
foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. April 12 1845. I served the town clerk
of Brainfield with an attested copy of this petition and
this order, by giving the same to him; and also
posted up in two public places in said town, an ab-
stract containing the substance of said petition and
order thereon.
C. Rice Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their re-
port as meeting, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Com-
missioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield
in said County, on the second Tuesday of April, in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Dady Bloodet & others, then
presented to said Commissioners, representing and set-
ting forth, that public convenience and necessity re-
quire the location of a new town road in the north-
western part of Brainfield, as petitioned by said petitioners
as by said petition on file with appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of
May, then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at
the house of Dady Bloodet in said Brainfield, as the
time and place for viewing the premises, and caused

a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which said Highway is proposed, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said county, said hearing and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of May the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, in common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Wm. Phelps 3

Austin Fuller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, was accepted and the May adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered by the Commissioners, as follows, to wit:

That notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Dwelling house of David Bloodett, in Springfield on Thursday the eleventh day of June next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Road, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Statesman, a public newspaper printed in said county three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said eleventh day of June.

And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Springfield, with a copy of said petition, and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Springfield, fourteen days at least before the said eleventh day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to

and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and also such damages as in their opinion may be just and reasonable on account of the location of said road.

and this petition was continued to this meeting.

and the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the foregoing, made his return as follows:

Hampden Co. May 7, 1846. I served the town clerk of Bainbridge with an attested copy of this petition and return thereon, by giving the same to him; and I also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

and now, the County Commissioners make their report in writing, as follows, to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said county, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Dady Blodgett, and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience and necessity require the location of a new town road in the westerly part of Bainbridge, as petitioned for by said petitioners, as by said petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourteenth day of May, then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Dady Blodgett, in said Bainbridge as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Bainbridge, being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Gazette, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of May, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof, was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the eleventh day of June then next, and eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Dady Blodgett, in said Mainfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and establish said Highway. And the said Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the meeting and hearing those interested in claims for damage, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the eleventh day of June met and proceeded to lay out and establish a Common Town Way on said petition as follows, viz.

Commencing in the easterly line of the Warren road at a stake and stones; thence South 39° E. 24 rods to a stake; thence S $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 18 rods to Hawy Smith's land; thence on same point $9\frac{3}{4}$ rods to a stone on a rock; thence S. 32° E. $7\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake; thence S. 56° E. 8 rods to a black oak tree; thence S. $71\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. $7\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a maple tree; thence S. $68\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 8 rods; thence S. $54\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 6 rods; thence S. 68° E. 3 rods 20 links; thence S. $67\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 4 rods to Dady Blodgett's land; thence E. 7 rods to birch tree; thence N. $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 6 rods to a maple tree; thence S. 77° E. 5 rods 19 links; thence S. 49° E. 8 rods to a rock; thence S. 46° E. 16 rods 9 links to stones on a rock; thence S. 78° E. 17 rods 18 links to a rock; thence G. 37° E. 7 rods; thence G. 26° E. 11 rods to a black oak tree; thence S. 27° E. 5 rods 20 links to a stake and stones; thence S. 61° E. 14 rods and 18 links to an Apple tree; thence S. $43\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods and 9 links; thence S. 40° E. 8 rods to a rock; thence S. $30\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods 10 links to a rock; thence S. $12\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ E. 13 rods and 14 links; thence S. $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. 9 rods to a rock; thence S. 40° E. 12 rods 22 links to the road. Said bearing and distance describe the South line of said road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the Commissioners agreeably to notice for that purpose, heard all persons on the matter of damage, who desired to be heard, and made their appointments as follows, viz.

To Harvey Smith, fifteen dollars.

\$15.00

In the construction and making said road, the Commissioners
that the travelled path be made fourteen feet wide, exclusive
of ditches, that all necessary culverts be constructed in a good
and suitable manner, for the free passage of the water, also
be so situated on land of Dady Blodget, at a convenient
point for said Blodget's use; said culvert to be so constructed
that said Blodget's cattle can pass under said Highway
from one lot to the other. All to be completed on or before
the first day of July 1847, to the acceptance of the Com-
missioners.

Wm. Phelps ?

Austin Butler } County Commissioners.

Surrey, Dec 1

Which Report being read and considered is accepted,
the Day established as Town Way.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, F. Burley & al.
The subscribers respectfully represent, that public Petition for
convenience requires an alteration in the road leading from Alter of H. W.
Wales to Sabner Depot (in the town of Brimfield) by laying from Wales to
out and making a new piece of highway; Beginning on the Sabner Depot,
west side of the road, southerly from the house of George and for discon.
Sanford, in said Brimfield; thence northeasterly, intersecting of H. W. in Wales
the road leading from said Brimfield to said Depot at & for a new
some point between the summit of the hill easterly High Way.
from Duke B. Charles and the house of Archibald Nelson,
which would show the hills and lessen the distance.

And your petitioners further represent, that public
good requires that the contemplated new road, when located
by your board, in Wales, uniting the center and south
roads, which lead from Wales westerly, be discontinued, and
the residue and value for making the same rescinded, and
a new piece of High way laid out and made, crossing the
farms of Abel Stetson and Amasa Moulton, and uniting
said center and south roads, at places most convenient
and proper, with some alterations and repairs on the now
existing road between Moses Sherman's and Joe Green's,
which would be a substitute, comparatively more convenient
and less expensive.

We therefore pray that your Honor would view as soon
as your convenience will permit, and make such altera-
tion in the premises, as you, in your wisdom, may
think fit.

(Signed) Ferdinand S. Burley & others.

Wales Aug. 15 1845.

The foregoing petition was acted at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of
October, last. At which meeting the following order was made

by the County Commissioners, viz.
 And also, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, notice, that they will meet, for the purpose of doing so, in the Quelling House of Cornelius Stiller, on Tuesday the nineteenth day of November next, at 9 o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the blocks of the Towns of Wales and Boonfield, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 19th day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition and abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the Towns of Wales and Boonfield, fourteen days before the nineteenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden on the fourth Tuesday of December last. And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. Oct. 13 1845. I served the Town Block of Boonfield with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode; and on the 16th day of said October I served the Town Block of Wales with an attested copy of the same, by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, and I posted up in two public places in each of said Towns attested copies of this petition and order thereon, more than fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the County Commissioners made the Report in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Ferdinand L. Butler, who then presented to said Commissioners, representing and

...that public convenience requires an alteration in the
...from Wales to Palmer Delphi; also that public good
...that the contemplated new road located in Wales be
...and new piece of Highway be laid in its stead
...this petition on file will appear.

The commissioners, during a view of the premises
...appointed Wednesday, the nineteenth day of Novem-
...and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the
...of Cornelius Miller in Wales, at the time and place
...the premises, and caused a copy of said
...to be served upon the clerk of the towns of Wales
...Springfield, being the towns within which such alter-
...are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time
...for said view; and also caused abstracts of said
...containing the substance thereof to be posted in
...public places in said towns, and also gave notice to
...persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be
...three weeks successively in the Springfield Republi-
...newspaper published in said county, said posting
...and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen
...at least, before the time appointed for said view;
...before said view was had, said commissioners gave
...in like manner as described in the foregoing,
...of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time
...and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of November,
the commissioners met at the time and place appointed
and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
the same the commissioners then determined to hear
the parties at the same time of said view; and
having heard the parties, said commissioners then
proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition; and after considering the same, said
commissioners did then and there adjudge that com-
mon convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the
petitioners be granted.

Willis Phelps }
Austin Miller } County Commissioners
Samuel Root }

Said report being read and considered, was accepted, and
the allegations adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was returned to the meeting of
the commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April
last. At which meeting it was ordered by the County
Commissioners, as follows, viz.

Whereas, upon the petition of Ferdinand L. Parley and
others heretofore presented, and after due proceedings therein, it
had been adjudged, by the County Commissioners, that the
common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer

of the petitioners be granted.

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It is now thereupon ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the Dwelling house of Daniel A. Brown, in Springfield on the eleventh day of June, next, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, for purpose of locating said road, and establishing said alterations, publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be five days at least, before the said eleventh day of June.

And it is further ordered, by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Towns of Springfield and Wales, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts, containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said Towns of Springfield and Wales, fourteen days at least, before the said eleventh day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said Road and said alterations, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location and alteration of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting of the County Commissioners.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order, made his return as follows, viz.

Hampden Co. May 7th 1846. I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition, and order thereon, by giving the same to him; and I served the same upon the Town Clerk of Wales, by leaving an attested copy thereof at his dwelling house, and posted up in two public places in each of said Towns, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

G. Rice, Sheriff.

And now at this meeting, the County Commissioners made their Report in writing, as follows, to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty five.

On the petition of Ferdinand S. Beeley and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth, that public convenience requires an alteration on the road leading from Wales to Palmer Depot; also, that public good requires that the contemplated new road located in Wales, be discontinued, and a new piece of Highway be laid in its stead, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November,

then met, and mine & lock in the forenoon at the house of Cornelius
Wells in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises,
and caused a copy of said petition to be served up the blocks
at the towns of Wales and Brainfield, being the towns within
which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least, before
the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted
in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to
all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be
published three weeks successively, in the Springfield Republi-
can, a newspaper published in said County, said posting
and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen
days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and
before said view was had, said commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the
petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for
viewing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of November, the com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed, and pro-
ceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same,
the further consideration thereof was referred till the next
regular meeting of the commissioners, held at Springfield,
at seven o'clock on the fourth Tuesday of December then next,
at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the
hearing, said commissioners proceeded to consider and
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said commissioners did adjudge
that common convenience and necessity require, that
the prayer of the petitioners be granted. And after ad-
judicating as aforesaid, said commissioners appointed
Thursday the eleventh day of June, then next, and eight
o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Daniel N. Green,
in said Brainfield, as the time and place, when and
where they would meet, and proceed to locate and
establish said alterations. And the said commission-
ers, having given notice of the adjudication and the
time and place appointed for meeting and hearing all
persons in damage, in the same manner as the no-
tice and publication was given and made, and as
is by law, in such case made and provided, before
proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of
said petition, instead of a copy thereof) on the said eleventh
day of June met and proceeded to lay out and establish
said alteration on said petition as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a post in the Wall, in the west
line of the Wales road, about three rods north of a maple
tree, on land of Almond Homer; thence S. 84° W. 18 rods to
a stake and stones; thence N. 78° W. 8 rods to a stake and

stones; thence N. $63\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. $10\frac{1}{2}$ rods to a stake and stones; thence N. $48\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ W. 22 rods to a stake; thence N. $44\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 17 rods to a stake and stones on Sumner Park's land; thence N. $19\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. 12 rods on said Park's land; then on the same point 11 rods to a maple tree, in the south line of the old road leading by Luke Shorles'. Said line describes the line of the road, which is laid three rods wide.

And after making said location, the commissioners, agreeable to notice for that purpose, heard all persons who desired to be heard in the matter of damage, and made their apportionments as follows:

To Almon Horner, seventy five dollars	\$75.00
• Luke Shorles, forty dollars	40.00
• Sumner Park's, twelve dollars	12.00

In the construction and making said road, the commissioners order, that the travelled path be made eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches; also, that all necessary cuts be constructed of stone, for the free passage of the water, all to be completed, to the acceptance of the county commissioners, on or before the first day of July 1847.

Willis Phelps }
 Samuel Root } County Commissioners.
 Austin Fuller }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted; and the alterations laid out and established as and for a common and public Highway.

J. Thon, from
 Petition for
 Highway, &
 Section of
 N. Hwy. in
 Monson.

To the County Commissioners for the county of Hampd. The petition of the subscribers, shew, that the commissioners, some time since, laid out a short piece of Road, east of the old road, eastward of Deacon Hobbs' House, and the selection of Monson laid out the Town accepted a short piece of road, westward of Asahel T. Newell's house. In consequence of which, the old road against those pieces, has become useless for travel, and in their present situation, are dangerous.

We therefore request your Honors to view, and lay the County Road over the piece of Town Road above mentioned; and discontinue what of the old road, west of said Newell's wall. Also the piece of the old road, west of the new laid county road, near Deacon A. H. Forbes, that is not needed for the County road.

(Signed) Jacob Thompson & others.

Monson, August 2^d 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five. At which meeting it was ordered, by the County Commissioners, as follows, viz:

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County Com-

...deeming a view of the premises expedient and pro-
-viding notice that they will meet, for the purpose of said
-meeting at the dwelling house of Amos Norcross in Monson,
-on Thursday the twentieth day of November next at ten o'clock
-P.M. And it is ordered by the county commissioners, that
-a copy of said petition be saved by the Sheriff of said
-county to his Deputy, upon the block of the Town of Mon-
-son, in said county, thirty days at least, before the said
-twentieth day of November, and that all other persons and
-corporations, interested therein, be notified by publishing a
-copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Spring-
-field Republican, a public newspaper printed in said
-county, three weeks successively, the last publication to be four-
-teen days at least before the time of said view. And it
-is further ordered, by the commissioners, that copies of said
-petition or abstracts, containing the substance thereof,
-and this order, be posted up by the Sheriff or Deputy, in
-two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days
-before the said twentieth day of November, and that
-notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and
-corporations interested, that the county commissioners deem a
-view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a
-view of the same will be taken by them at the time and
-place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
-meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said county, in pursuance of the
-foregoing order, made his return as follows viz.

Hampden Co. Oct 17, 1845. I saved the Town block of
-Monson with an attested copy of this petition and order
-thereon, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and
-also posted up attested copies of the same and this
-order thereon, in two public places in said town, more
-than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the county commissioners make their Re-
-port in writing, as follows, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County commis-
-sioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield
-in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in
-the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and and forty five.

On the petition of Jacob Thompson & others, then
-presented to said Commissioners, representing and set-
-ting forth that they request the Commissioners to dis-
-continue certain pieces of old road in the Town of
-Monson; also to lay certain pieces of new road in
-said Town, as prayed for, in said petition, as by

said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises specified, appointed Thursday the twentieth day of November then next, and at twelve o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Mearns, in Mendon, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Attleboro, being the town within which such alterations were sought for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said county, said posting, and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met, at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

Miles Phelps.

Samuel Root } County Commissioners.

Abel Colkins, Special Commissioner.

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted.

S. T. Bolton
Petitioner for

Respectfully shews, Stephen T. Bolton, of Longmeadow, Up of Dam: in said County, that he is the owner of a narrow strip of land in the General Field in said Longmeadow, about one rod in width, and about eighty rods in length, and of N. H. R. running lengthwise in an easterly and westerly direction, bounded northerly by land of Daniel Bolton, and southerly by land of Abner Bolton; across which the Hartford and Springfield Rail Road Corporation have located their Rail Road, and constructed the same; whereby your petitioner suffers great damage.

He further shews, that he is the owner of a private way, leading from a Town road in said General Field, westerly to a lot of land owned by him, in said General Field, conveyed to your petitioner's father, Elijah Bolton in

opened by Gaines Pass, across which, said Corporation
have located and constructed their Rail Road, and there-
by greatly obstructed the same, to the damage of your
petitioner. Therefore he prays your Board to view the
damages and estimate and assess the damages sus-
tained by him, according to the provisions of the Stat-
utes in this behalf. Dated at Springfield this third
day of October, A. D. 1845.

Stephen T. Bolton.

The foregoing petition was entered at a
meeting of the County Commissioners, held on the
first Tuesday of October last. And the following notice
was issued, to wit:

Hampden Co.

County Commissioners meeting, October 1845.

And now upon the foregoing petition,
it is Ordered, that said Commissioners meet at
the Dwelling House of Diamond Bolton, Jr. in Long-
meadow, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November next,
at eleven O'clock, A.M. for the purpose of viewing
said lands, and of estimating said damages. And
it is ordered, by said Commissioners, that a copy
of said petition, and this order thereon, be served
upon the said Rail Road Corporation, seven days
at least, before the time of said meeting, that
they may then and there shew cause why the
prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And this petition was continued from meeting
to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County, in pursu-
ance of the foregoing order, made his return as
follows, to wit:

Hampden Co. Oct. 27. 1845. I served the
said Rail Road Corporation with an attested
copy of this petition and order thereon, by giving
the same to Chester W. Chapin, the agent of
said Corporation.

C. Rice, Sheriff.

And now the said Corporation present their res-
olution to dismiss the foregoing petition, in the words
following, to wit:

To the County Commissioners for the County
of Hampden.

The Hartford and Springfield Rail Road
Corporation object to the assessment of damages
on the petition of Stephen T. Bolton, and move
that the same be dismissed.

1 Because the land and way mentioned in

his petition has been taken by them under a contract with Elijah Cotton, dated August 4 1843, the said Elijah being then the owner of the land, and the said Stephen T having no title except as his heir.

2. As to this said private way, it is more than one year since the said corporation has taken the same.

By their Attorneys, Chapman, Ashmun & Norton.
And now, at this meeting, the County Commissioners order that this petition be dismissed.

A Bagg & others

Pl. for div.

of H. H. from

County Road

to the dwelling

house of Benjamin

Iskley, to the dwelling

house of Elijah Sackett, may

be so altered as to reduce the same from four rods in

width, to three rods in width, and that so much of the

road, between the termini aforesaid as shall not be covered

by said road, when so altered, may be discontinued.

Testimony of Bagg & others.

Nov. 14. 1845.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of

the County Commissioners holden on the first Tuesday

of October 1845 and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting on the 14th

of November 1845. At which meeting it was ordered by the

County Commissioners as follows, viz.

And now, upon the petition aforesaid, the County

Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient

and proper, give notice, that they will meet for the pur-

pose of said view, at the dwelling house of Jere Whit-

man, in West Springfield, on Wednesday the seventeenth

day of June next, at nine o'clock, A. M. And it is

ordered, by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said

petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his

Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield

in said County, thirty day at least before the said

seventeenth day of June, and that all other persons and

Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing

a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the

Hampden Statesman, a public newspaper printed in

said County, three weeks successively, the last publica-

tion to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said

view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners

that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing

the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by

said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town

of West Springfield fourteen days before said seventeenth

day of June, and that notice be given in manner

aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that

the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises ex-
posed to be proper, and that a view of the same will be
taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting,
and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of the foregoing order,
made his return as follows, viz:

Hampden Co. May 11. 1846. I served the Town Clerk of
said Springfield with an attested copy of this petition and
also caused, by giving the same to him, and also posted up
in two public places in said town, an abstract, containing
the substance of said petition.

to His Honor, Sheriff

And now the County Commissioners make their report
in conformity, as follows, viz:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County,
on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of one Lord eighteen
hundred and forty six.

On the petition of Justus Bagg and others, then present
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth,
that the County road, heretofore laid by your Board, in
West Springfield, from the dwelling house of Benjamin
Ashley, to the dwelling house of Elijah Sackett, may be
so altered, as to reduce the same from four rods in width,
to three rods in width, and that so much of the old road, be-
tween the termini aforesaid, as shall not be covered by said
road, when so altered, may be discontinued, as by said
petition on file, will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises ex-
posed, appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of June
then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of
Gideon Whitman, in West Springfield, as the time and place for
viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition
to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield,
being the town within which such discontinuance is pray-
ed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for
said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition,
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons
interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published
three weeks successively, in the Hampden Standard, a news-
paper published in said County, said posting and the last
publication of said copy having been finished days at
least before the time appointed for said view and before
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in
like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the
petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place

for commencing said action.

And on the said seventeenth day of June, the commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time and place, and having heard the parties, said commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petitioners, and after considering the same, said commissioners do now and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners, be granted. The commissioners, therefore, order the discontinuance of so much of the old road, between the termini of the piece of new road referred to in said petition as is not included in the limits of said new road; also one rod on the easterly side of said piece of new road.

Willis Phelps,

Austin Tilton } County Commissioners.
Samuel Root }

Which Report being read and considered, is accepted, and the way discontinued.

Connecticut
R. R. & Co
Pet for apt
of dam for
land taken of
E. Taylor on
Branch road.

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County.
Represent your petitioners, the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, a corporation established by law, that by virtue of their charter in the construction of Branch Rail Road from the village of Lubville, to the village of Chicopee Falls, both in Springfield in said County, they have appropriated for the use of said Rail Road, and do intend to file their location, the following described land in said Springfield, belonging to Erasmus Taylor, of South Hadley, Mass, viz. a parcel of land, bounded easterly by land of Mrs. Delia Town, extending northerly from the centre line of location 42 feet, and southerly from said centre line 48 feet; Southerly by land of said Taylor; westerly by land of George Rummerell, and being at said western extremity, 43 feet each way northerly and southerly from the centre line of location, and being in rear of the main lot, and there being a small strip of land of said lot, containing 5 rods 231 feet, on the northerly side, adjacent to land of the Dwight Company, containing in all 59 rods 41 feet, and 5 rods wide, with what land is necessary for grading and sloping; a plan of which is ready to be produced. The said Company therefore pray that the damages occasioned by said taking, may be estimated and ascertained, according to law.

Connecticut River Rail Road Company.

By their attorney, L. D. Huntington

April 14, 1846.

The foregoing petition was presented to the Chairman of the County Commissioners on the tenth day of April, 1846.

sum of one hundred and forty dollars, and it was by him
ordered that the commissioners meet at the Public House, in
Cubetville, on Wednesday the twentieth day of May next, at
nine o'clock A.M. there and there to act on said petition.
And it is also ordered, that reasonable notice be given to the
within named Erastus Taylor, by serving him with an ab-
stract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, with
this order thereon, at least seven days previous to said
meeting. And Erastus Hopkins as principal, and John
Chapin as surety, recognised to said County, in the sum of
one hundred dollars, conditioned to save the said County
harmless from all costs and expenses, in account of said
petition.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

To Erastus Taylor of South Hadley, in the County of Hamp-
den. Whereas the Connecticut River Rail Road Compa-
ny have presented their petition to the County Commis-
sioners of the County of Hampden, setting forth that they
have located their Rail Road in the town of Springfield,
Hampden County, upon and over lands owned by you, at
Springfield aforesaid, which lands are particularly described
in said petition on file; and further representing, that
they have not been able to obtain said lands by voluntary
agreement, and requesting the Commissioners to view
the premises and estimate the damages, if any, sustained
by you thereby. You are hereby notified, that the Commis-
sioners will meet, for that purpose, at the Public House, called
the Public House, in Cubetville, on Wednesday the twentieth
day of May instant, at nine o'clock A.M. when and where
you may be present, if you see cause, and be heard on the
subject.

In order
Springfield, May 11th 1846.

Willis Phelps, Chairman.

Springfield, May 15th 1846.

This certifies, that I have notified Erastus Taylor of
South Hadley, in the County of Hampden, of a meeting
of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, at
the Public House, called the Public House in Cubetville,
on Wednesday, the twentieth day of May instant at nine
o'clock A.M. by delivering to him, personally, an original
notification, of which the foregoing is a true and correct
copy.

Orange Chapin.

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting.
And now the County Commissioners make their Report in
writing, as follows, to wit:

Hampden, May 20th 1846. The County Commis-
sioners of said County, having given reasonable notice to Eras-
tus Taylor, mentioned in the foregoing petition of the
Connecticut River Rail Road Company, by serving him

with an abstract thereof as appears by a copy of said abstract
filed and returned connected, with the said Taylor and the petition
by Erasmus Hopkins, then agent at the time and place mentioned
said abstract, and proceeded to view the premises of said Taylor
taken for the location of said Rail Road, and described in said
petition, and having heard said Taylor and the petitioners fully
the premises, we have appraised the damage which the said
Taylor will suffer by the location of said Rail Road, upon the
said lands, at the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars
All which is submitted and accepted.

Austin Miller }
Samuel Root. } County Commissioners

Hudson C. Boies, Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted.

Gunn.

Henry Gunn is licensed as an Innholder, at the Fire
White House in Springfield, without authority to sell any in-
toxicating liquors.

Brooks.

Henry J. Brooks is licensed as an Innholder and common
Victualler, at the Public House now kept by John Brooks, in
the east Parish in Longmeadow, without authority to sell
intoxicating liquors.

Seaman.

S. S. Seaman is licensed as an Innholder, at the Union
House, in Springfield, without authority to sell intoxicating
liquors.

Bond.

Ernestus Bond is licensed as a Retailer, in his Store
in the town of Palmer.

Register of
Deeds

The votes for Register of Deeds, for the town of Hamp-
den being sorted and counted, it appears, that the whole
number of votes is two thousand two hundred and eighty nine
necessary for a choice, eleven hundred and forty five, William
Rice has twenty two hundred and eighty seven and is elected
by the County Commissioners elected, and the said Rice is
sworn and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties
of his office, and gives bonds to the acceptance of the
County Commissioners.

Treasurer of
Hampden

The votes for County Treasurer, being sorted and counted
it appears that the whole number of votes is two thousand
three hundred and forty six, necessary for a choice, eleven
hundred and seventy four, William Rice has twenty three
hundred and forty five, and is declared by the County
Commissioners elected, and the said Rice appears and
is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his
office and gives Bonds to the acceptance of the County
Commissioners.

standing against the county, amounting to the sum of one hundred and eighty three dollars and forty eight cents, was presented to the County Commissioners as by their order and is to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Henry Chapen, Coroner, Inquisition upon the body of George Corley, May 15 1846	3.00
David L. W. Harrison	1.37
Le A. Mann	1.37
Henry Wells	1.37
James Coffman	1.37
John C. Stebbins	1.37
Earl Woodworth	1.37
Witnesses: Jonathan Blake	.58
Samuel Butler	.58
Samuel Ponce	.58
J. Vanderveer	.54
Henry W. Chapman	.54
Witness: Abner Johnson	1.56
A. Mann, advertising Receipts & Expenditures, Petitions &c	13.00
A. S. Fennell, printing Bonds &c.	17.00
W. A. Brown, making & binding blank books	12.53
A. Parsons attending to the Probate Court, &c	24.25
Leaving to rent House, &c	15.00
W. Bliss, Orders of notice, Venues, &c &c	50.16
Le David Stauffer, leaving Orders of notice &c	
Leaving care of Court, Jan ending Jan 1. 1846	

Ordered that Warrants be drawn on the County Treasurer in favor of the persons herein named, in full for damages allowed them in the location of a Highway in West Springfield on the petition of Roswell Thiny

John Smith	40.00
Delight Phelps	125.00
Fallcott Alderson	40.00
Levi Brooks	50.00
Nathan Mayson	50.00
And Butler (in Bonds Petition)	40.00
Zadock Corley	40.00
L. Cornsby	15.00
E. Boyden	30.00
Henry Corley	30.00
William Sheldon (The H. Bonded Land's petition)	70.00

Respectfully August 11 1846. All matters not voted upon, are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without adjournment.
Attest
Ezekiel Bliss, Clerk.

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